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NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD: Place—Mt. Calvary church, Mt. Jackson, Va., Rev. E. L. Folk, pastor. Time—Tuesday before the 4th Sunday in August, 1903, at 7 p. m.

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MINUTES OF THE SEVENTY-THIRD CONVENTION
OF THE
EVANG. LUTHERAN SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia met pursuant to notice in Christ Church, Staunton, Va., Tuesday evening, October 21, 1902. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. C. A. Freed, President of Synod.

FIRST SESSION.

CHRIST CHURCH, STAUNTON, VA.,
OCTOBER 22, 1902—9:30 A. M.

Synod was formally opened by the President, Rev. C. A. Freed, according to the service of the Book of Worship. The clerical roll was called and absentees noted. Lay-delegates presented their credentials, and the names of those entitled to seats in the Synod were enrolled:

CLERICAL ROLL.

MINISTERS.	POST-OFFICE.	ORDAINED.
Rev. J. M. Shreckhise	Moffatt's Creek, Va.	1858
" J. A. Snyder, D. D.	New Market, Va	1859
" P. Miller	Rio, W. Va	1860
" A. A. J. Bushong*	Strasburg, Va.	1863
" A. M. Smith	Middletown, Va	1876
" C. A. Marks	Richmond, Va	1877
" W. J. Smith	Bloom, Frederick county, Va.	1878
" L. L. Smith	Strasburg, Va.	1880
" J. W. Strickler	Stephens City, Va.	1882
" J. E. Bushnell, D. D.	Winchester, Va.	1882
" W. B. Oney	Bridgewater, Va	1882
" E. L. Folk	Mt. Jackson, Va	1884
" G. E. Shuey	Staunton, Va	1886
" S. L. Keller	Waynesboro, Va	1887
" J. A. Huffard	Ladd, Augusta county, Va	1888
" W. P. Huddle	Madison C. H., Va	1888
" H. F. Scheele	Staunton, Va	1888
" J. E. Shenk	Woodstock, Va	1890
" J. A. Boord	Jadwyn, Va.	1890
" R. B. Peery*	Saga Hizen, Kyushu, Japan	1892
" J. A. Morehead*	Mt. Pleasant, S. C.	1892
" A. D. R. Hancher	Staunton, Va	1892
" C. A. Freed	Middlebrook, Va	1893
" E. A. Shenk	Newport News, Va	1895
" E. C. Cronk*	Waynesboro, Va	1895
" D. W. Files	New Haven, W. Va.	1896
" C. E. Hershberger	Stony Man, Va	1896
" J. W. Shuey	Alone, Va.	1897
" W. H. Riser	Norfolk, Va.	1898
" E. A. Repass	Middlebrook, Va	1900
" W. B Aull	Buena Vista, Va	1901
" C. M. Fox	Wardensville, W. Va	1892

* Absent and excused.

REGISTER.

NUMBER	PASTORATES.	CHURCHES.	PASTORS.
1	Bethany	Bethany, Mt. Olive	Rev. J. W. Shuey.
2	Bethlehem	Bethlehem	Rev. J. A. Huffard.
3	Buena Vista	Trinity, New Mt. Olive, Spring Val'y	Rev. W. B. Aull.
4	Capon	Hebron, St. Peter, Trinity, Trout Run church, and Fairview	Rev. C. M. Fox.
5	Churchville	St. Peter, Pleasant View, St. Paul	Rev. G. E. Shuey.
6	Gravel Springs	Bethel, Fremont, Gravel Springs, St. John, St. James	Rev. W. J. Smith.
7	Harrisonburg	Muhlenberg	Vacant.
8	Lebanon	Lebanon	Rev. A. M. Smith.
9	Madison	Hebron, Mt. Pisgah	Rev. W. P. Huddle.
10	Mt. Jackson	Mt. Calvary, Bethel, St. James	Rev. E. L. Folk.
11	Mason	New Haven, New Hope, White, Zion	Rev. D. W. Files.
12	Middlebrook	Holy Trinity, Newport, St. Mark	Rev. C. A. Freed.
13	Mt. Tabor	Mt. Tabor	Rev. E. A. Repass.
14	New Market	St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Martin	Rev. J. A. Snyder, D. D.
15	Newport News	Trinity	Rev. E. A. Shenk.
16	Norfolk	First Church	Rev. W. H. Riser.
17	North River	North River church, St. James, and Mt. Moriah	Rev. Peter Miller.
18	Luray	Bethlehem, St. Mark, Ebenezer	Vacant.
19	Richmond	First English Lutheran Church	Rev. C. A. Marks.
20	Rockingham	Frieden, St. John, Trinity	Rev. W. B. Oney.
21	Shenandoah	Mt. Zion, St. Luke	Rev. J. A. Boord.
22	Shepherdstown	St. Peter, St. James	Vacant.
23	Staunton	Christ Evang. Lutheran Church	Rev. A. D. R. Hancher.
24	Stephens City	Trinity, St. Paul	Rev. J. W. Strickler.
25	Strasburg	St. Paul, St Peter	Rev. L. L. Smith.
26	Smithfield	Gerardstown, Middleway	Vacant.
27	Salem	Salem, Melanchthon Chapel, St. James	Vacant.
28	Zion-St. James	Zion, St. James	Rev. S. L. Keller.
29	Waynesboro	Grace	Rev. E. C. Cronk.
30	Winchester	Grace Church	Vacant.
31	Woodstock	Emmanuel	Rev. J. E. Shenk.
32	Page	St. Peter	Vacant.

LAY-DELEGATES.

Bethany, J. L. Teaford; Bethlehem, Maj. A. Koiner; Buena Vista, John A. Runkle; Gravel Springs, P. J. Williams; Lebanon, O. H. Wilkins; Madison, J. J. Utz; Middlebrook, David Rusmiselle; Mt. Tabor, J. M. Baylor; Norfolk, S. A. Flickinger; Rockingham, John R. Filler; Shenandoah, D. H. Hottle; Staunton, R. G. Koiner; Stephens City, C. W. Snapp; Zion-St. James, Geo. M. Grove; Waynesboro, John H. Grabill; Winchester, John K. Lewis; Woodstock, W. L. Dosh; Salem, W. H. Johnson; Churchville, John E. Tutwiler; Strasburg, Newton Borden; Harrisonburg, A. H. Snyder.

The President, Rev. C. A. Freed, read his report, which was received and laid on the table for future action.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN:—By the mercy of our God it is our privilege to assemble in the 73d convention of this body. With grateful hearts we acknowledge the blessings bestowed upon us, the strength which his grace has supplied and the measure of success which has attended our labors during the year just closed. Today a new page is spread before us upon which shall be written an account of our stewardship for the days that yet remain to us, in trading with the pounds divinely entrusted. May we so build that time will confirm our work and our record show a true portrayal of the Savior of mankind bringing "Peace on earth; good-will to men." To this end let our prayers ascend to the Great Head of the church, for that wisdom that is from above, to direct us in all our deliberations, in order that our congregations may be drawn into closer fellowship with one another and to the great cause we serve.

Your president, Rev. W. L. Seabrook, having decided to remove from our bounds, devolved upon me, as vice-president, the duties of President of the Virginia Synod. The following record of my official acts is now presented for your approval together with such matters that demand your consideration.

I. DEATH OF MINISTERS.

On July 29th, our ministerial ranks were invaded by death and a beloved brother entered into his rest. Rev. G. A. Riser died at the parsonage in Mt. Sidney after an illness of eight (8) weeks of typhoid fever. All that medical skill and trained nursing could do were cheerfully supplied, but proved inefficient in staying the violence of the disease. In the prime of life, and in the midst of a promising and successful service, he was called to his reward. Four years only had been spent in the active work of the ministry, but his active, persevering labors, thorough consecration, and keen judgment had won for him our highest regard and confidence.

A short informal service was held at 9 a. m., July 31st, in St. James church, Mt. Sidney, which was filled to overflowing by his sorrowing congregations. Rev. E. A. Repass read suitable Scriptural selections, Rev. A. D. R. Hancher offered prayer, and your president made an appropriate address. The remains were then brought to Staunton, where the regular funeral service was held in Christ church, Revs. J. A. Huffard and S. L. Keller taking part. In Thornrose cemetery his body was laid to rest according to his own request made at the beginning of his illness.

Once again our Synod was bowed in deep bereavement when the distressing news was heralded over the wires that death had brought mourning to another pastorate. Rev. H. Max Lentz was drowned in

the Potomac river at Shepherdstown on September 9th. While giving some instruction in swimming, Bro. Lentz without an exclamation or a struggle sank suddenly and did not come to the surface of the water after he first went down. "It is believed that his heart must have become suddenly affected and caused instant death, as there was no sign that he had been attacked with cramp." He too was in the prime of life and a wise leader in the counsels of the church. He was a preacher of ability, a careful, painstaking pastor, and a citizen who stood ready to throw his influence to the cause he espoused. But so soon in the midst of a useful career is the workman called away.

The funeral services were held on Friday in St. Peter's church, and were in charge of Rev. E. K. Bell, D. D., of Baltimore, with whom Bro. Lentz was formerly closely associated as managing editor of the *Lutheran World.* Also there were present taking part in the services Revs. L. L. Smith, Peter Miller, and J. E. Bushnell, D. D., from this Synod. The addresses at the service were made by Rev. Dr. Bell and Rev. L. L. Smith.

In view of our double loss, a memorial service should be held sometime during this convention when some appropriate testimony sacred to the memory of these brethren should be put on record by this body.

II. RESIGNATIONS.

About December 1, 1901, Rev. W. L. Seabrook informed me that he had resigned the pastoral care of Grace church, Winchester, and that he would close his labors January 1, 1902.

On December 20, 1901, Rev. W. H. Riser notified me that he had resigned the Shenandoah pastorate, his resignation to take effect December 31, 1901.

On May 1, 1902, Rev. J. M. Shreckhise gave notice of his resignation of the Spring Valley pastorate, his labors to close July 1, 1902.

On June 10, 1902, Rev. G. E. Krauth resigned Muhlenberg church, Harrisonburg, his resignation to take effect July 1, 1902.

On July 24, 1902, Rev. J. W. Strickler resigned the pastoral care of Trinity church, Stephen's City.

III. DISMISSIONS.

On May 13, 1902, a letter of dismissal was given Rev. W. R. Brown, transferring him from this body to the Synod of Southwestern Virgina.

On May 8, 1902, a certificate of dismissal was granted Rev. W. L. Seabrook, transferring him from this Synod to the South Carolina Synod.

IV. CALLS ACCEPTED.

On November 1, 1901, Rev. J. E. Bushnell, D. D., gave notice that he had accepted a call to the Luray pastorate to serve as supply and entered at once upon his work.

On December 20, 1901, Rev. W. H. Riser notified me that he had accepted a call to the 1st church, Norfolk, and would begin his labors January 1, 1902.

On April 2, 1902, Rev. E. L. Folk informed me that he had accepted the call of the Mt. Jackson pastorate, assuming charge March 16, 1902.

Rev. W. B. Aull notified me that he had accepted a call from Spring Valley and New Mt. Olive churches, entering upon his work July 1, 1902.

On May 26, 1902, Rev. A. M. Smith informed me that he had accepted a call from the Lebanon pastorate, and had already assumed charge.

On April 22, 1902, Rev. C. M. Fox gave notice that he had accepted a call to the Capon pastorate, and would enter at once upon his work.

On June 4, 1902, Rev. J. A. Boord informed me that he had accepted a call to the Shenandoah pastorate, and had already assumed charge.

On August 2, 1902, Rev. J. W. Strickler notified me that he had accepted a call from the Stephen's City pastorate, and that his labors had already begun.

V. CREDENTIALS RECEIVED.

On April 2, 1902, I received a letter of regular dismissal of Rev. E. L. Folk, signed by the president of the North Carolina Synod, transferring him to this body.

On April 24, 1902, there was placed in my hands a letter of regular dismissal of Rev. C. M. Fox, signed by the president of the Southwestern Virginia Synod, transferring him to this body.

On June 4, 1902, I received a letter of dismissal of Rev. J. A. Boord, officially signed by the president of the Pittsburg Synod (G. C.), transferring him to this body.

VI. INSTALLATIONS.

On November 8, 1901, Rev. J. E. Shenk was installed pastor of Emmanuel church, Woodstock, by Rev. J. A. Snyder, D. D.

On August 10, 1902, Rev. J. W. Strickler was installed as pastor of Stephen's City pastorate, services being conducted by Rev. J. E. Shenk.

On August 10, 1902, I installed Rev. J. A. Boord as pastor of Shenandoah pastorate, in Mt. Zion church.

On August 31, 1902, Rev. A. M. Smith was installed as pastor of Lebanon church. Rev. L. L. Smith delivered the charge to the pas-

tor, and the congregation was addressed by Rev. C. E. Keller of the East Ohio Synod.

On October 19, 1902, Rev. W. B. Aull was installed as pastor of the Buena Vista pastorate in New Mt. Olive church, services being conducted by Revs. J. M. Shreckhise.

VII. CORNER-STONE LAYING.

October 1, 1902, the corner-stone of a new church for St. Paul's congregation was laid with appropriate services. The pastor, Rev. J. W. Strickler, was assisted by Rev. J. E. Bushnell, D. D., who delivered the address. This will be a handsome edifice, and will exhibit the devotion of the St. Paul's brethren to the Lord and his church.

VIII. NEWPORT NEWS FUND.

Our Treasurer's report will show that $350 remain yet unpaid on our pledge to the church at Newport News. When the congregation has grown so rapidly and the outlook is so promising there should be no looking back on our part until this obligation is met in full. Ways should be devised at this convention whereby this debt may be paid off during the coming year.

IX. FURLOUGH FUND.

The Board of Missions lays before us the imperative necessity of raising a fund for the return of our senior missionary in Japan for a period of rest. This Synod is asked to raise $124 of this amount. After such long and faithful service by Dr. and Mrs. Peery, it behooves our people to share in this great work and thus insure them a joyous home-coming to friends and our congregations.

X. UNITED SYNOD.

The 8th convention of the United Synod of the South was held in St. John's church, Charleston, S. C., May 7–11, 1902. The action of said convention will be brought to your attention by the chairman of our delegation and President of Board of Missions.

XI. REARRANGEMENT OF CHURCHES.

During the year some important service has been done for the relief of our mission treasury by the rearrangement of churches. The committee appointed a year ago has been active, taking up the work wherever an opportunity presented itself. The results will be brought to your attention in their report. For the work still incomplete, the continuance of this committee is extremely necessary.

CONCLUSION.

Other matters for your consideration will be brought to your attention by the respective standing committees, and therefore it is unnecessary for me to speak of them here. I now return to you the high

trust committed to me, thanking all for fraternal co-operation in my endeavors to discharge the duties devolving upon me, and praying that the spirit of love and of wisdom may be with us in this convention that what is done may be for the best interest of our Redeemer's kingdom. C. A. FREED, PRESIDENT.

The Secretary, Rev. L. L. Smith, read his report, which was received and laid on the table for future action.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary submits following report for the past synodical year:

1. The Minutes were printed by Henkel & Co., New Market, Va. The cost of the Minutes was $89.72, including postage and expressage in distributing the same. The work was done in the usual excellent style of this well-known establishment.

2. Your Secretary had the resolution adopted by Synod in reference to Bishop Von Scheele beautifully prepared by the courtesy of Mr. J. N. Brenaman, one of the clerks of the Virginia Constitutional Convention, and it was forwarded to the honored Bishop under the seal of the Synod. The reply of the Bishop is hereby given:

VISBY BISHOPSGARD, den 10th September, 1902.

REV. L. L. SMITH, SECRETARY EV. LUTH. SYNOD OF VIRGINIA,

My Dear Brother in Christ:

I have with deepest pleasure and gratitude had the honor to receive the very esteemed Resolution, that the seventy-second convention of your Synod has agreed to communicate to me as a proof of inspiring love and sympathy. It has been the highest aim of my life to combine nearer to each other the different parts of the Evang. Lutheran Church in the world. Until my last day I will pray and work for that purpose.

May it please our God and Heavenly Father to unite especially all the Lutherans of America—so immensely blessing not only your noble country, but for the whole kingdom of our Lord on earth.

Faithfully yours,

K. H. GEZ. VON SCHEELE, D. PH., D. D., LL. D.,
BISHOP OF GOTLAND.

3. Reduced rates for this convention were secured over the B. & O. and Southern Railways. Thanks are due W. H. Fitzgerald, Commissioner of Associated Railways of Virginia and North Carolina, for courtesies extended.

4. The bill for postage, &c., in discharge of the routine duties of the Secretary's office is $3. L. L. SMITH.

The Treasurer, Mr. L. S. Walker, read his report, which was received and laid on the table for future action.

Apportionments and Receipts of the Different Pastorates of the Virginia Synod of [illegible] Ending Sept. 1, 1902.

Pastorate.	Theological Seminary.		Beneficiary Education.		Special Synodical Home Miss Fund.		Synodical Fund.		Home Missions.		Foreign Missions.		Orphans' Home.		Newport News.		Total.	Total.		
	Apportioned.	Received.	Apportioned.	Received.	Apportioned.	Received.	Apportioned.	Received.	Apportioned.	Received.	Apportioned.	Received.	Apportioned.	Received.	Apportioned.	Received.	Apportioned.	Received.	Overpaid.	Deficit.
Bethany	$ 3 00	$ 3 00	$ 4 00	$ 3 50	$ 7 00	$ 5 50	$ 10 00	$ 8 00	$ 28 00	$ 21 00	$ 18 00	$ 12 00	$ 7 00	$ 7 00	$ 15 00	$ 10 00	$ 92 00	$ 70 00	. . .	$ 22 00
Bethlehem	7 00	7 00	4 00	4 00	9 00	9 00	7 25	7 25	15 00	15 00	8 00	8 00	4 00	7 00	5 00	5 00	59 25	62 25	$ 3 00	. . .
Buena Vista	3 00	1 00	4 00	1 00	4 00	2 00	6 00	3 00	10 00	5 00	8 00	3 00	3 00	1 51	3 00	1 00	41 00	17 51	. . .	23 49
Capon	2 25	. . .	4 00	. . .	5 00	. . .	4 50	. . .	16 00	. . .	10 00	. . .	5 00	. . .	10 00	. . .	56 75	. . .	. . .	56 75
Churchville { St. Peter's	2 00	2 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	3 25	3 25	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	2 00	2 00	3 00	1 50	30 25	28 75	. . .	1 50
Churchville { Pleasant View	2 00	2 00	4 00	2 00	4 00	4 00	6 50	5 00	8 00	5 00	5 00	. . .	3 00	3 00	. . .	. . .	32 50	21 00	. . .	11 50
Gravel Springs	7 00	. . .	8 00	8 00	11 00	11 00	20 00	20 00	65 00	46 32	50 00	59 09	25 00	41 65	11 00	11 00	197 00	197 06	. 06	. . .
Harrisonburg	3 00	3 00	4 00	4 00	5 00	5 00	3 50	3 50	18 00	18 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	53 50	53 50	. . .	. . .
Lebanon	4 00	3 50	6 00	6 00	7 00	6 50	13 25	11 63	43 00	39 50	20 00	18 00	5 00	4 50	20 00	18 00	118 25	107 63	. . .	10 62
Luray { Ebenezer	1 00	. . .	2 00	. . .	2 50	. . .	3 25	. . .	8 00	. . .	5 00	. . .	2 50	. . .	. . .	. . .	24 25	. . .	. . .	24 25
Luray { St. Mark's	2 00	. . .	4 00	. . .	3 00	. . .	6 00	. . .	9 00	. . .	6 00	. . .	4 00	. . .	5 00	. . .	39 00	. . .	. . .	39 00
Luray { Bethlehem	1 00	. . .	2 00	. . .	1 00	. . .	3 25	. . .	6 00	. . .	4 00	. . .	2 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	19 25	. . .	. . .	19 25
Madison { Pisgah	1 00	. . .	4 00	. . .	2 00	. . .	3 25	. . .	2 00	. . .	1 00	. . .	1 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	14 25	. . .	. . .	14 25
Madison { Hebron	12 00	12 00	8 00	8 00	20 00	20 00	26 50	26 50	90 00	44 00	50 00	22 50	25 00	22 34	40 00	40 00	271 50	195 34	. . .	76 16
Mt. Jackson	8 00	5 00	10 00	6 00	17 00	9 66	26 50	25 00	87 00	27 02	45 00	. . .	17 50	17 50	50 00	24 16	261 00	114 34	. . .	146 66
Mason	4 00	. . .	4 00	. . .	8 00	. . .	10 00	10 00	35 00	16 36	20 00	10 00	10 00	11 33	5 00	. . .	96 00	47 69	. . .	48 31
Middlebrook { Holy Trinity	2 25	2 25	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	3 50	3 50	20 00	20 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	5 93	25 00	18 39	75 75	70 07	. . .	5 68
Middlebrook { St. Mark's	2 00	2 00	3 00	3 00	3 50	3 50	6 00	6 00	15 00	15 00	10 00	10 00	2 50	2 50	. . .	. . .	42 00	42 00	. . .	. . .
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New Market { St. Matthew	5 25	. . .	5 00	5 00	14 00	9 00	11 50	0 00	45 00	24 33	20 00	15 85	5 00	22 38	15 00	. . .	120 75	86 56	. . .	34 19
New Market { St. Mark	4 00	. . .	4 00	1 00	7 00	4 82	3 50	1 80	14 00	2 00	10 00	2 00	4 00	2 00	. . .	. . .	46 50	13 62	. . .	32 88
New Market { St. Martin	4 00	. . .	4 00	. . .	7 00	2 00	3 50	3 43	14 00	. . .	10 00	. . .	4 00	2 00	. . .	. . .	46 50	7 43	. . .	39 07
Newport News	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	7 00	7 00	6 50	6 50	8 00	8 00	7 00	7 00	3 00	5 34	. . .	. . .	39 50	41 84	2 34	. . .
Norfolk	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	9 00	9 00	10 00	10 00	20 00	20 00	15 00	15 00	8 00	8 00	20 00	20 00	90 00	90 00	. . .	. . .
North River	4 50	4 50	4 00	4 00	8 00	8 00	6 50	6 50	19 00	19 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	. . .	5 00	57 00	62 00	5 00	. . .
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Richmond	4 50	3 00	4 00	4 00	7 00	7 00	10 00	10 00	22 50	22 50	7 00	7 00	7 00	7 00	20 00	20 00	82 00	80 50	. . .	1 50
Rockingham	3 00	. . .	4 00	75	5 00	5 00	8 25	5 25	24 00	5 00	15 00	11 67	7 50	7 50	15 00	10 00	81 75	45 17	. . .	36 58
Shenandoah { Mt. Zion	2 25	. . .	4 00	. . .	4 00	. . .	3 50	. . .	15 00	. . .	18 00	. . .	2 50	. . .	5 00	. . .	54 25	. . .	. . .	54 25
Shenandoah { St. Luke	2 25	. . .	4 00	. . .	4 00	2 00	3 50	2 96	10 00	. . .	7 00	. . .	2 50	2 50	. . .	. . .	33 25	7 46	. . .	25 79
Shepherdstown { St. Peter	12 00	12 00	10 00	10 00	20 00	20 00	31 00	31 00	66 00	56 00	40 00	50 00	20 00	. . .	34 00	34 00	233 00	213 00	. . .	20 00
Shepherdstown { St. James	7 00	3 00	6 00	2 00	12 00	5 00	15 50	12 05	34 00	21 00	20 00	5 00	10 00	2 50	16 00	16 00	120 50	66 55	. . .	53 95
Spring Valley	2 25	2 25	4 00	4 00	7 00	7 00	3 25	3 25	7 00	7 00	7 00	7 00	2 00	2 00	. . .	. . .	32 50	32 50	. . .	. . .
Salem	5 25	4 25	4 00	3 90	9 00	8 00	20 00	17 00	42 00	39 00	30 00	27 00	7 50	6 15	10 00	. . .	127 75	105 30	. . .	22 45
Staunton	12 00	12 00	10 00	10 00	20 00	20 00	24 50	24 50	70 00	70 00	40 00	103 00	20 00	23 47	40 00	40 00	236 50	302 97	66 47	. . .
Strasburg { St. Paul	1 50	1 50	5 00	5 00	14 00	14 00	15 00	15 00	30 00	30 00	18 00	25 20	7 50	21 81	40 00	20 00	131 00	132 51	1 51	. . .
Strasburg { St. Peter	1 50	1 50	5 00	5 00	14 00	14 00	12 50	12 50	25 00	25 00	15 00	15 00	7 50	10 00	. . .	. . .	80 50	83 00	2 50	. . .
Stephen's City { Trinity	2 50	2 50	2 00	2 00	3 50	3 50	9 50	9 50	20 00	20 00	12 00	12 00	5 00	11 25	10 00	10 00	64 50	70 75	6 25	. . .
Stephen's City { Middleway	1 00	. . .	1 00	. . .	1 00	. . .	1 50	. . .	6 00	. . .	4 00	. . .	1 00	. . .	5 00	. . .	20 50	. . .	. . .	20 50
Waynesboro	3 00	3 00	4 00	4 00	7 00	7 00	6 00	6 00	5 00	5 00	4 00	4 00	3 00	3 00	25 00	5 00	57 00	37 00	. . .	20 00
Winchester	30 00	30 00	20 00	20 00	50 00	50 00	95 00	95 00	225 00	225 00	1050 00	1050 00	55 00	55 00	150 00	150 00	1675 00	1675 00	. . .	. . .
Woodstock	12 00	12 00	8 00	8 00	20 00	20 00	25 00	25 00	35 00	35 00	25 00	26 41	9 00	60 00	50 00	50 00	184 00	236 41	52 41	. . .
Zion—St. James	9 00	9 00	10 00	10 00	14 00	14 00	20 00	17 00	70 00	53 32	40 00	40 00	13 00	24 41	. . .	. . .	176 00	167 73	. . .	8 27
Totals	$214 25	$151 25	$226 00	$169 35	$399 00	$335 28	$531 50	$468 17	$1374 50	$ 993 95	$1752 00	$1641 72	$353 50	$427 57	$667 00	$514 05	$5517 75	$4701 34	$139 54	$953 95
C. M. Foltz paid	. . .	. . .	. . .	50 60	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	464 97	. . .	. . .
Amounts on hand last year	. . .	. . .	. . .	35 09	. . .	43 00	. . .	81 32	. . .	168 62	. . .	27 07	. . .	4 77	. . .	24 50	. . .	*469 09	. . .	. . .
																		$5575 40		

*Amounts from Sunday-school Assessments, see other table.

APPORTIONMENT AND RECEIPTS FROM THE SUNDAY-SCHOOLS OF VIRGINIA SYNOD FOR SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS.

For year ending Sept. 1, 1902.

Pastorate.	Sunday-school.	Apportioned.	Received.
Bethany	Bethany	$ 8 00	$ 5 00
Bethlehem	Bethlehem	6 00	. . .
Bethlehem	Grace	6 00	7 88
Spring Valley	Spring Valley	3 00	3 00
Buena Vista	Trinity	2 00	2 00
Capon	Hebron	5 00	. . .
Capon	St. Peter's	5 00	. . .
Capon	St. James	4 00	. . .
North River	Mt. Moriah	2 00	2 00
North River	North River	4 00	4 00
Churchville	St Peter's	2 00	2 00
Churchville	Fleasant View	4 00	. . .
Gravel Springs	Bethel	8 00	8 00
Gravel Springs	Fremont	1 00	1 00
Gravel Springs	Gravel Springs	5 00	5 00
Gravel Springs	St. John's	8 00	8 00
Gravel Springs	St. James	5 00	5 00
Harrisonburg	Muhlenberg	10 00	10 00
Lebanon	Lebanon	5 00	5 00
Lebanon	St. Paul's	5 00	5 00
Madison	Hebron	15 00	15 00
Madison	Mt. Pisgah	1 00	1 00
Mt. Jackson	Mt. Calvary	6 00	6 00
Mt. Jackson	Bethel	2 50	2 50
Mt. Jackson	St. James	2 50	. . .
Mason	New Haven	2 00	50
Mason	New Hope	1 00	. . .
Mason	White	2 00	. . .
Mason	Zion	1 00	. . .
Middlebrook	Holy Trinity	6 00	6 00
Middlebrook	Mt. Hermon	2 00	2 00
Middlebrook	St. Mark's	2 00	2 00
Mt. Tabor	Mt. Tabor	10 00	10 00
New Market	St. Matthew's	4 00	5 45
New Market	St. Mark's	2 00	2 00
New Market	St. Martin's	2 00	. . .
Norfolk	First Church	10 00	10 00
Luray	Bethlehem	1 00	. . .
Luray	St. Mark's	8 00	. . .
Luray	Ebenezer	5 00	. . .
Richmond	First English	15 00	15 00
Rockingham	Frieden's	3 00	3 00
Rockingham	St. John's	3 00	. . .
Shenandoah	Mt. Zion	1 50	. . .
Shenandoah	St. Luke's	1 50	. . .
Shepherdstown	St. Peter's	20 00	20 00
Shepherdstown	St. James	10 00	10 00
Staunton	Christ	20 00	20 00
Stephens City	Trinity	10 00	10 00
Strasburg	St. Paul's	15 00	15 00
Strasburg	St. Peter's	10 00	10 00
Salem	Salem	12 00	12 00
Salem	Melanchthon	5 00	. . .
Salem	St. James	5 00	5 00
Zion-St. James	Zion	8 00	8 00
Zion-St. James	St. James	8 00	. . .
Winchester	Grace	100 00	100 00
Woodstock	Emmanuel	25 00	25 00
Middleway	Smithfield	2 00	. . .
Shenandoah City	St. Peter's	2 00	. . .
Newport News	Trinity	5 00	5 00
		$464 00	$393 33
Balance on hand from last year			15 70
			$409

EXPENDITURES MADE BY L. S. WALKER, TREASURER, FROM THE DIFFERENT FUNDS, DURING THE SYNODICAL YEAR ENDING SEPT. 1, 1902.

FROM BENEFICIARY EDUCATION FUND.

1901. Dr.

Nov.	1.	To amt. paid Harry Coffelt and 3 other dates . . .	$ 100 00
Nov.	1.	To amt. paid Edgar R. Cooper and 3 other dates .	125 00
			$ 225 00

1902. Cr.

Sept.	1.	By balance in Treasurer's hands	$ 60 04

FROM FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

1902. Dr.

April	30.	To amt. paid J. W. Eberly, Treas. United Synod and 2 other dates	$1668 79

FROM NEWPORT NEWS FUND.

1902. Dr.

April	30.	To amt. paid J. W. Eberly, Treas. United Synod, and 2 other dates	$ 538 55

FROM ORPHANAGE FUND.

1902. Dr.

Jan.	3.	To amt. paid Paul S. Davis, Treas., and 3 other dates	$ 432 34

FROM SUNDAY-SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS FOR HOME MISSIONS, FOR SYNODICAL PURPOSES.

1902. Dr.

Sept.	—.	To amt. paid Treas. and transferred to Synodical Home Mission Fund to pay the home missionaries of Synod	$ 409 09

FROM SPECIAL SYNODICAL HOME MISSION FUND.

1902. Dr.

Oct.	29.	To amt. paid E. C. Cronk, Waynesboro, and balance from last year	$ 137 68
Oct.	29.	To amt. paid W. B. Aull, Buena Vista, and balance for last year	128 33
Oct.	29.	To amt. paid Geo. E. Shuey, Churchville—4 items	60 00
Oct.	29.	To amt. paid W. H. Riser, Shenandoah—2 items .	20 00
Oct.	29.	To amt. paid J. A. Boord, Shenandoah—1 item .	15 00
Oct.	29.	To amt. paid G. E. Krauth, Harrisonburg—10 items	230 00
Oct.	29.	To amt. paid J. W. Strickler, Stephen's City—3 items	120 00
Oct.	29.	To amt. paid Peter Miller, North River—4 items	60 00
1902.			
April	29.	To amt. paid S. L. Keller, exp. Ex. Committee. .	4 62
			$ 775 63

1902. Cr.

Sept. 1. By amt. in Treasurer's hands . . . . . $ 11 74

FROM THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY FUND.

Dr.

Sept. 9. To amt. paid C. M. Efird, Treas . . . . . $ 203 00

Cr.

Sept. 9. By amt. in Treasurer's hands 2 25

FROM HOME MISSION FUND FOR UNITED SYNOD.

1902. Dr.

Sept. —. To amt. paid J. W. Eberly, Treas. United Synod $1162 57

FROM SYNODICAL FUND.

1901. Dr.

Oct.	28.	To amt. paid Rev. J. A. Snyder, exp. to Roanoke	$ 9 00
Oct.	28.	To amt. paid Rev. E. C. Cronk, exp. to Roanoke .	4 00
Oct.	28.	To amt. paid W. J. Smith, exp. to Roanoke. . . .	8 20
Nov.	25.	To amt. paid Henkel & Co., Minutes 1900	93 17
Nov.	25.	To amt. paid Rev. L. L. Smith, Secy., sal. and exp.	28 00
1902.			
Sept.	—.	To amt. paid C. H. Duls, Treas., for Minutes United Synod	37 24
Sept.	—.	To amt. paid C. M. Efird, Treas., int. on Seminary loan to Aug. 7, 1902	240 00
		To amt. paid L. S. Walker, Treas., salary	50 00
		To amt. paid same for postage	6 00
Sept.	30.	To amt. paid Henkel & Co., printing and distributing Minutes 1901	89 28
			$564 89

Dr.

Sept. 30. To amt. overpaid and due Treasurer . . . . . $ 15 40

BALANCES.

Beneficiary Education Fund	$ 60 04
Special Synodical Home Mission Fund	11 74
Theological Seminary Fund	2 25
	$ 74 03
Synodical Fund overpayment and due Treasurer .	15 40
Balance in Treasurer's hands	$ 58 63

RECEIPTS FOR 1901–1902.

Balances on hand from last year	$ 454 13
From C. M. Foltz, amt. returned on Ed. Fund . .	80 60

From Synodical Apportionment	4701 34
From Sunday-schools	393 33
	$5629 40

EXPENDITURES FOR 1901–1902.

For Beneficiary Education	$ 225 00
For Foreign Missions	1668 79
For Newport News	538 55
For Orphans' Home	432 34
For Synodical Home Missions	775 63
For Theological Seminary	203 00
For Home Missions United Synod	1162 57
For Synodical purposes	564 89
Balance on hand	58 63
	$5629 40

Synodical Foreign Missionary Fund invested in 5 per cent. Shen. Co. B. & L. Assn. certificate, and with interest added to July 1, 1902, amounts to $211 21

Respectfully submitted,

L. S. WALKER, TREASURER.

AMOUNTS RECEIVED BY L. S. WALKER, TREASURER, DURING THE SESSION OF SYNOD, AND WHICH WILL BE CREDITED ON NEXT YEAR'S RECEIPTS.

Oct. 22.

MT. TABOR.

Orphans' Home, $5; Beneficiary Education, $8.65 . $ 13 65

CAPON.

Beneficiary Education, $2; Orphans' Home, $5; Synodical Fund, $4.50; Special Syn. Home Mission Fund, $5; Theo. Seminary, $1.25; Home Missions, $8 06; Foreign Missions, $5 . . . . . $ 30 81

BETHANY.

Foreign Missions . . . . . $ 5 00

MADISON.

Hebron—Orphans' Home, $12.50; Bene. Education, $7.50; Special Synodical Home Missions, $10 . . $ 30 00

Pisgah—Spec. Syn. Home Missions, $1; Synodical Fund, $3; Orphans' Home, $1; Bene. Education, $1 6 00

ZION–ST. JAMES.

Roanoke College, $4.10; Church Extension, $2 . . . $ 6 10

Oct. 23.

NEWPORT NEWS.

S. S. Apportionment, $5.07; Foreign Missions, $7; Home Missions, $1.45 . . . . . $ 13 52

MIDDLEBROOK.

Newport News Fund . . . . . $ 6 61

LEBANON CHURCH.

Newport News Fund . . . . . $ 2 00

Oct. 28. STAUNTON.

Foreign Missions, $6; Home Missions, $6—church collection . . . . . $ 12 00

Respectfully submitted,

L. S. WALKER, TREASURER.

BAR OF SYNOD.

Resolved, 1. That the first seven pews of the church be constituted as the bar of Synod.

Resolved, 2. That no one shall be recognized by the President unless the speaker be within the bar of Synod.

Pending the election of the officers of Synod, the Synod adjourned for divine worship, the benediction being pronounced by the President.

SECOND SESSION.

CHRIST CHURCH, STAUNTON, VA.,
OCTOBER 22, 1902—3 P. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. D. W. Files. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

Mr. W. H. Johnson, of Salem pastorate, and Mr. John E. Tutwiler, of the Churchville pastorate, were enrolled as lay-delegates.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The papers, placed in the hands of your committee, are the following:

The regular dismissal of Rev. C. M. Fox, signed by the President of the Synod of Southwestern Virginia; Rev. Ed. L. Folk, signed by the President of the Synod of North Carolina; Rev. J. A. Boord, signed by the President of the Pittsburgh Synod.

These brethren are all transferred to the Virginia Synod.

Your committee recommend that they now be received into this body with cordial greetings.

J. A. SNYDER,
W. J. SMITH,
J. M. SCHRECKHISE,
C. A. FREED,
COMMITTEE.

The election of officers was conducted with the following result:

OFFICERS OF SYNOD.

President—Rev. C. A. Freed.
Vice-President—Rev. Peter Miller.
Secretary—Rev. L. L. Smith.
Treasurer—Mr. L. S. Walker.

The President announced the following Standing Committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. *President's Report.*—Revs. W. J. Smith, J. M. Shreckhise, S. L. Keller, Messrs. J. L. Teaford and P. J. Williams.

2. *State of the Church.*—Revs. P. Miller, J. A. Snyder, D. W. Files, Mr. D. H. Hottle and Maj. A. Koiner.

3. *Literary Institutions and Church Literature.*—Revs. J. W. Strickler, A. D. R. Hancher, J. A. Boord, Messrs. W. L. Dosh and R. G. Koiner.

4. *Treasurer's Report.*—Messrs. S. T. Shank, J. K. Lewis, and W. H. Johnson.

5. *Appropriations and Apportionments.*—Revs. W. H. Riser, J. W. Shuey, W. P. Huddle, Messrs. S. A. Flickinger and J. M. Baylor.

6. *Vacant Congregations.*—Revs. C. A. Marks, G. E. Shuey, and Mr. David Rasmiselle.

7. *Minutes of Conference.*—Revs. F. A. Shenk, E. A. Repass, J. E. Bushnell, Messrs. J. H. Crabill and G. M. Grove.

8. *Letters and Petitions.*—Revs. E. L. Folk, J. A. Huffard, J. E. Shenk, Messrs. Chas. W. Snapp and J. J. Utz.

9. *Secretary's Report.*—Revs. W. B. Oney, W. B. Aull, and Mr. J. A. Runkle.

10. *Minutes of Last Synod.*—Revs. A. M. Smith, C. M. Fox, and Mr. O. H. Wilkins.

The following paper was received, and by vote of Synod was read and referred to a committee of three:

SCANDINAVIAN EMIGRATION.

How to strengthen the scattered congregations of the Valley, which have been depleted by long continued drains by removals to the West and other causes, has engaged attention for years. The effort to draw and hold from the outside world by high pressure; and latterly, by liturgical services and emphasizing distinctive dogmas and methods with occasional preaching, have barely kept some of the scattered organizations together. There appears to be need of new life and blood among our people, bringing into action and imparting that vital consciousness which will awake to personal responsibility.

The continued emigration of Scandinavians to America, has filled the Northwestern States to repletion with that very desirable Christian population, which has in a short time converted the prairies of the Northwest into great States, surpassing in progress others in schools, colleges, seminaries and churches; with their practical working demonstrating the blessed influence of their Christianity upon the lives of their people religiously and their material prosperity. The overflow of this rare people is refreshing other sections of our land. Here the practical question arises: May this Synod by timely and prudent action, through a standing committee on emigration, with the concurrence of their synods and agents, arrange for the gradual introduction into the pleasant Valley of Virginia at the gateway to the ocean and the national capital a people who will help restore prosperity to the churches and country? For these and other considerations, which will suggest themselves; be it

Resolved, That a standing committee of five be appointed to formulate and execute a suitable plan of emigration in the spirit and design of the foregoing recital, with power to have local organizations in congregations to promote prosperity to church and people in an evangelical spirit; taking care that emigrants shall only be entrusted to the careful guidance of well known Christian people and families; where fair dealing, kindness, and proper attention to religious and educational advantages and justice shall be always procured.

On motion, Dr. Julius D. Dreher, President of Roanoke College, was made an advisory member of Synod and invited to a seat within the bar of Synod.

The following report was read by President Dreher:

REPORT ON ROANOKE COLLEGE.

On behalf of the faculty, I beg leave to submit the following report on Roanoke College:

During the 49th year (1901-02), 164 students were enrolled from fourteen States and three other countries. Thirteen young men received the degree of A. B. at the commencement, June 11th, and three young ladies completed the course for that degree. Two of the graduates, Edgar R. Cooper, of Mountain Falls, Va., a beneficiary of your Synod, and W. A. Wade, of Tyro Shops, N. C., a beneficiary of the Synod of Southwestern Virginia, have entered the Gettysburg Theological Seminary. John C. Peery, of Graham, Va., who took his A. M. last June, and L. B. Spracher, also of Graham, who took his A. B. in 1901, have entered our seminary at Mt. Pleasant, S. C. Chas. J. Smith (class of 1900), of Strasburg, has entered the seminary at Mt. Airy, Philadelphia. Another graduate of the college, Rev. Isaac Cannaday, has accepted a call to the mission of the General Synod in Guntur, India. He is the sixth graduate of Roanoke to enter the foreign missionary service of the Lutheran church.

During the past session two bequests of $2,000 each were left to the college—one by Capt. A. H. Wilson, of our church in Harrisonburg, of your Synod, and the other by Miss Ellen M. Speed, of East Hartford, Conn., formerly of Madison, Ga. The collections for current expenses and improvements were larger than they were in the previous year, which is proof of the continued interest of our many friends North in the work of the college.

The 50th year of the college opened on September 17th, with a good attendance of students. In spite of extensive advertising and canvassing by six members of the faculty and six graduates employed for that purpose, we failed to secure that increase in the number of students so much desired for the semi-centennial year of the college.

The students have gone to work with promptness and diligence, and we have good reason to expect an orderly and successful session. The promise given by the Young Men's Christian Association towards the close of last session, of doing even better work this year, has already been partially fulfilled by the increase in its membership which is now larger than at any time last session. The meetings are well attended and in the association Bible classes 59 young men are already enrolled.

In our Sunday-school in Salem, Dr. Fox and Profs. Morehead and Cannaday teach Bible classes, and Prof. McReynolds is secretary of the school. Dr. Fox's class studies the history and doctrines of our church.

The alumni and ex-students have inaugurated a movement to erect a science building as a memorial of the semi-centennial of the col-

lege, which is to be celebrated in June, 1903, at which time it is proposed to lay the corner-stone of the new building. Much interest has been manifested in this movement, some generous subscriptions have been promised, and it is believed that an encouraging response will be made to the appeal which is to be sent out in a short time. As this will be the first generous appeal of the kind made to the old students, it ought to be successful. Its success will do much to increase the interest of all friends in the welfare of Roanoke, and it is hoped that the celebration of the semi-centennial will mark the beginning of a new era of prosperity in the history of the college.

Roanoke is well prepared to do good college work of a high order, and it deserves a much better support from the Lutherans of Virginia and especially of your Synod. However strong and well equipped the college may become, the measure of its usefulness to your Synod will depend largely on the number of your young people, especially candidates for the ministry, who are educated there. For the sake of the church, as well as for the success of the college, it is highly important that the number of students from the Lutheran congregations in Virginia, and especially in your Synod, should be largely increased.

With gratitude to God for His favor and blessing hitherto, let us work and pray that the coming years may be more fruitful than those that are past.

Respectfully submitted, JULIUS D. DREHER.

On motion, the report on Roanoke College was ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

Committee on Scandinavian Immigration: Revs. W. P. Huddle, S. L. Keller, and Mr. J. L. Teaford.

The Report of the Executive Committee was read and laid on the table for future action.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS AND REPORTS ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

On motion, the parochial reports were handed to the Secretary, and Reports on the State of the Church were referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

On motion, the President and Secretary were appointed a committee to formulate a parochial blank for the use of this Synod.

Adjourned. Benediction by Rev. P. Miller.

THIRD SESSION.

CHRIST CHURCH, STAUNTON, VA.,
OCTOBER 23, 1902—9:30 A. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. E. A. Shenk. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

On motion, Rev. R. A. Helms of the North Carolina Synod was received as an advisory member of this body.

INVITATION TO THE VIRGINIA CONFERENCE OF THE TENNESSEE SYNOD.

Resolved, That the President and Secretary of the Potomac Conference of the Virginia Synod be and they are hereby directed to invite the Virginia Conference of the Tennessee Synod to meet with them at their next conference, to consult upon and see if any arrangements can be made to rearrange the pastorates within their respective conferences in order that more effective work can be done in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and upbuilding and having a closer union of the church in the respective conferences.

PRAYER FOR REV. E. C. CRONK.

The Committee on Letters and Petitions reported the first item in reference to the illness of Rev. E. C. Cronk, at which time the Synod offered prayer for the ill brother, Rev. J. E. Shenk leading in prayer.

HOURS OF MEETING.

Resolved, That the Synod meet at 9:30 a. m. and continue to 1 p. m., and the afternoon session be from 3 o'clock to 5 o'clock p. m.

CHURCH EXTENSION REPORT.

The Report of the Board of Church Extension was read, considered by items; and, after consideration, was recommitted.

VISITING BRETHREN.

On motion, Rev. I. W. Canter, D. D., and Rev. D. Bush, D. D., of the Methodist church, were invited to seats within bar of Synod.

The following report was read, considered by items, amended and adopted:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE No. 1—PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The President's Report is a comprehensive summary of his official acts during the year. It is prefaced with an appropriate reference to the fact, that we should with humble yet grateful hearts recognize the good hand of the Lord that has led and blessed us in the synodical year just ended, and invokes upon ourselves, our present convention, and the churches committed to our care, his guidance and blessing in the year to come.

Appropriate mention is made of the deaths of Revs. Geo. H. Riser and H. Max Lentz. Your committee would recommend that special committees be appointed to draft suitable memorials, and that two pages of our Minutes be devoted to this object, and also that a memorial service be held on Friday afternoon at four o'clock at which time testimony can be given as to the character and labors of our departed brethren.

The report calls to our attention the fact that $350 on our pledge to the church at Newport News remains unpaid.

Resolved, That the unpaid apportionments be published in the Minutes.

Resolved, That at the end of three months, if these amounts be unpaid, the President of Synod send a letter to each pastor in Synod asking him to raise a certain portion of said deficit, so that said deficit may be fully raised by the next meeting of Synod.

The report also directs our attention to the call of the Board of Missions for $124, our proportionate share of the Furlough Fund which is being raised to bring home Dr. Peery and wife that they may enjoy a period of rest after a long and arduous service in Japan.

We recommend that this amount be apportioned to the churches, and that it be paid into the treasury by January 1, 1903.

We recommend that the official acts of the President be approved, and that the thanks of the Synod are extended him for the faithfulness with which he discharged the duties of his office.

W. J. SMITH,
S. L. KELLER,
J. M. SHRECKHISE,
P. J. WILLIAMS.

The following report was read, considered, and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION OF A CONSTITUTION FOR PASTORS' FUND SOCIETY.

The committee submits the following report:

1. This society shall be known as the Pastors' Fund Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia.

2. The object of this society shall be to support or assist in the support of disabled or superannuated ministers, their widows, or children.

3. The business of this society shall be managed and controlled by a board of five trustees, viz., three ministers and two laymen, to be biennially elected by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia; and any three of the trustees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

4. The board of trustees shall elect from among themselves a president, secretary, and treasurer, whose duties shall be as follows:

(a) The President shall call meetings of the Trustees whenever desired, and shall preside over the same.

(b) The Secretary shall keep regular minutes of the proceedings of the Trustees, and all other transactions, and shall produce his books, if requested, at the meetings of the Synod.

(c) The Treasurer's duty shall be to collect the income, and to make all payments. He shall report minutely and fully to the said Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia at each of its regular annual meetings, stating the amount of funds on hand and due, how invested, the accumulation, how much disbursed, to whom, and for what purpose, etc., making his report as detailed and satisfactory as the Synod may require. His accounts shall be audited by a committee, appointed by said Synod. If deemed advisable, he shall give security for the faithful discharge of his trust.

5. The fund, whence relief is to be derived, shall be created in the following manner:

(a) By an assessment on the ministers of the Synod of one per cent. of their salary, for all who receive six hundred dollars or more; and one-half of one per cent. on all who receive less than six hundred dollars salary.

(b) By an assessment on the membership of the various congregations of the Synod, of three cents per capita, which assessment shall be placed in a separate column and published annually in the table of Apportionments in the Minutes of the Synod.

(c) By legacies, voluntary donations, contributions, etc.

(d) The Trustees may also, if they think proper, devise other suitable means to increase the funds, such as the appointment of agents to solicit donations, etc.

6. All moneys received from all sources, not required for the immediate relief of approved applicants, shall be safely invested.

7. In disbursing the income of the fund, when a minister is the applicant, he shall be required to produce a certificate from the President of the Synod, together with such other evidence as the Trustees may require, declaring that by reason of sickness, old age, infirmity,

or other providential cause, he is incapable of ministerial services. When a widow is the applicant, like satisfactory evidence of the death of her husband, and the date thereof shall be required, and in the case of children, both of whose parents have deceased, like evidence of the death of their parents, of their own age, and of their necessities, etc., shall be required

8. The Trustees shall make their appropriations at such times and in such amounts as their judgment shall deem advisable and best.

9. The Trustees shall disburse the funds only to persons who, in their judgment, may require and merit the same.

10. The Trustees shall have power to make such by-laws as are necessary for their government, provided they are not contrary to the foregoing rules.

11. This plan shall not be altered except by a two-thirds vote of the members of the said Synod; and in all such cases, the alterations or amendments contemplated must be proposed by the Board of Trustees, and public notice given at least three months before a regular meeting of the Synod.

12. Any other Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church may unite with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia in the work contemplated in the constitution of this board by adopting this constitution and complying with all its requirements; such synod and the ministry thereof shall share equally with the Synod of Virginia and her ministers in all the benefits to be derived from this fund.

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. SMITH,
C. W. HEATER,
COMMITTEE.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. W. J. Smith.

FOURTH SESSION.

CHRIST CHURCH, STAUNTON, VA.,
OCTOBER 23, 1902—3 P. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. E. L. Folk. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

LAY-DELEGATE.

On motion, Mr. Newton Borden was enrolled as a lay-delegate from St. Peter's church, Tom's Brook, Va.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE No. 2—ON SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Your committee have examined the Secretary's Report, and find that the duties of the office have been faithfully discharged.

1. We recommend that the Secretary return the thanks of this body to the General Passenger Agents of the B. & O. and Southern Railroads for reduced rates to this meeting of Synod.

2. That the Secretary be paid the sum of $3 by the Treasurer for the expenses of his office.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. ONEY,
W. B. AULL,
J. A. RUNKLE.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE No. 5—MINUTES OF LAST SYNOD.

Your Committee on Minutes of Last Synod would inquire: On page 38 of Minutes, did the committee attend to the duties assigned to it?

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. SMITH,
C. M. FOX,
O. H. WILKINS.

Answer—No.

The following report was read, considered by items, amended and adopted:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE No. 10—LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

We, your Committee on Letters and Petitions, beg leave to report as follows:

1. A letter from Mrs. E. C. Cronk, of Waynesboro, requests the Synod to excuse the absence of her husband from this meeting of Synod, and asks the prayers of the Synod for his recovery. We recommend that special prayer be made at an appropriate time during the session, and that Bro. Cronk be excused.

2. A letter from Rev. A. A. J. Bushong asks that he be excused from this session of Synod on account of feeble health. We recommend that he be excused.

3. A letter from Rev. J. A. Morehead, D. D., asks that he be excused on account of the illness of one of the Seminary students, and the risk to his own health consequent upon taking so long a journey so soon after his recovery. We recommend that he be excused.

4. A petition from the North River pastorate requests the continu-

ance of aid for the support of their pastor. We recommend that this petition be granted to the amount of $75.

5. A petition from the Capon pastorate asks for the appropriation of $60 to supplement the pastor's salary for another year. We recommend that this petition be granted.

6. A petition from Shenandoah pastorate asks for $100 from Synod to aid in the support of their pastor. We recommend that this petition be granted to the amount of $60.

7. A petition from the Churchville pastorate requests the appropriation of $100 to supplement the pastor's salary. We recommend that Synod appropriate $75.

8. A letter from Secretary O. D. Henkel of Grace congregation, Waynesboro, asks for $250 for this year to aid said congregation in meeting their obligations to their pastor and lifting a thousand dollar debt. We recommend that it be granted.

9. A letter from Rev. R. C. Holland, President Board of Directors Theological Seminary, expresses the hearty appreciation of the Board for the Virginia Synod's aid in securing the $30,000 Seminary Endowment fund; asking for the continuance of Synod's annual expression of good will for the success of the Seminary, and notifying this Synod that if it so desire, the reduction of its annual apportionment for the Seminary (page 63, Min. U. S.) to $180 will begin in May, 1902.

10. The Mount Jackson congregation extends a cordial invitation for Synod to meet in Mount Calvary church, in Mt. Jackson, in October, 1903.

11. The Grace congregation, Waynesboro, extends a cordial invitation to Synod to meet in Grace church, October, 1903. We recommend Friday, 10 a. m., as time to select place.

12. Is a fraternal letter from Rev. E. H. Kohn, bearing the greetings and good wishes of the Tennessee Synod to this body, and expressing his sincere regrets at not being able to present in person these greetings. We recommend that this letter be published in the record of the proceedings of this convention.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. FOLK,
J. E. SHENK,
J. A. HUFFARD,
J. J. UTZ,
CHAS. W. SNAPP.

Item 9. Amended to $150 per annum.

LETTER OF FRATERNAL DELEGATE OF THE TENNESSEE SYNOD.

NEW MARKET, VA., October 21, 1902.

TO THE PRESIDENT VIRGINIA SYNOD:

Reverend and Dear Brother:—At the last session of the Tennessee Synod, it was made my duty to convey to your body the fraternal

regard and good wishes of our synod. It had been my intention to do this in person, but press of work prevents. We rejoice with you upon the activity of your body, in the work of the church, doing much for Home and Foreign Missions. Your liberality is open-handed, and a most worthy example is set. In the internal work, we observe signs which are conservative and hopeful. There is much to encourage the Lutheran church in the South. If there could be a closer practical co-operation, how much could be done for the church in the Valley of Virginia. May we not hope for this?

I trust that much will be done at this session for the upbuilding of our zion, and concord will characterize all that you do. May our Heavenly Father guide into all truth.

With highest regards,

I am, most fraternally, E. H. KOHN.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE No. 3—TREASURER'S REPORT.

We, your committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's books, beg leave to submit the following report: We have examined the Treasurer's books and vouchers, and find them strictly correct.

Signed, JOHN K. LEWIS,
JOHN R. FILLER,
W. H. JOHNSON.

Adjourned. Benediction by Rev. C. A. Marks.

FIFTH SESSION.

CHRIST CHURCH, STAUNTON, VA.,
OCTOBER 24, 1902—9:30 A. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. A. M. Smith. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

LAY-DELEGATE.

On motion, Mr. A. H. Snyder was enrolled as a lay-delegate from the Harrisonburg church.

COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

On motion, a committee of three was appointed to nominate an Executive Committee for the coming year:

Committee: Revs. W. J. Smith, E. A. Shenk, and Mr. J. L. Teaford.

COMMITTEES ON MEMORIALS.

Committee on Memorial of Rev. H. Max Lentz: Revs. L. L. Smith, E. L. Folk, and J. W. Strickler.

Committee on Memorial of Rev. G. A. Riser: Revs. A. D. R. Hancher, J. A. Huffard, and J. E. Shenk.

PROPOSED CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION.

The proposed change of the constitution, noted on page 33, was decided in the negative.

PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING.

Mt. Calvary church, Mt. Jackson, Va., (Rev. E. L. Folk, pastor,) was selected as the place, and Tuesday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1903, as the time, for the place and time of the next meeting of Synod.

The following report was read, amended, and adopted:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Board of Church Extension met in the chapel of Christ church, Staunton, Va., October 13, 1902, with the following members present: Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, chairman; Maj. Absalom Koiner, W. A. Freed, A. Henry Towberman. On motion, A. Henry Towberman was elected temporary secretary and treasurer. The treasurer's book and the money, $33.23, in the hands of the former treasurer C. C. Berry, which had been placed in the keeping of the chairman of the board, were turned over to the new secretary and treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

A. D. R. HANCHER,
J. E. SHENK,
A. KOINER,
W. A. FREED,
A. HENRY TOWBERMAN.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF DELEGATES TO THE UNITED SYNOD.

The United Synod held its eighth convention in St. John's church, Charleston, S. C., May 7–11, 1902.

The great work of the church in Missions, Home and Foreign, the Theological Seminary, the publication interests, our relation to the other Lutheran general bodies, and other subjects, were carefully considered. The Synod is familiar with the proceedings as published. The convention was inspiring to our Southern church, and gave prom-

ise of great things for the future. The various items of business calling for your attention and action will be presented to the proper committees.

It is a sad fact to record that two of the clerical delegates of this Synod—strong and active at that time, have since passed to the great church above. Respectfully submitted,

L. L. SMITH,
C. A. FREED,
C. A. MARKS,
J. A. SNYDER,
W. P. HUDDLE,
J. E. COOPER,
S. R. HOOVER,
J. W. EBERLY,
H. L. SNYDER.

REPORT ON LITERARY INSTITUTIONS.

The Report on Literary Institutions was read, considered by items, and was pending at adjournment.

Adjourned. Benediction by Rev. J. A. Snyder, D. D.

SIXTH SESSION.

CHRIST CHURCH, STAUNTON, VA.,
OCTOBER 24, 1902—3 P. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. J. M. Shreckhise. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

MEMORIAL SERVICES.

The following Memoirs were read and adopted by a standing vote:

IN MEMORIAM.

Our beloved co-laborer in the Lord, Rev. George A. Riser, was born at Pomaria, S. C., June 8, 1865, and was summoned through death to life, July 29, 1902. His body was laid in Thornrose cemetery, Staunton, Va., beside the grave of his late lamented brother Rev. Sidney T. Riser.

He was graduated from Newberry College and from our Southern Theological Seminary, and was ordained to the holy ministry by the North Carolina Synod in 1898.

For lack of adequate means he endured many privations in his student life, and few men would have had the courage to overcome the difficulties which beset his path, but successfully surmounted all.

His first pastorate was at Gold Hill, N. C., where he remained about two years; his second and last parish was the Salem pastorate, Mt. Sidney, Va., which he faithfully and efficiently served for nearly three years. Our church and Synod have sustained a sore loss in his death; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That while we sadly miss him in our synodical gathering, yet we bow in humble resignation to God, saying, "Thy will be done."

Resolved, 2. That we bear testimony to the nobility, purity, and consecration of his life wherein he gave full proof of a faithful and efficient ministry.

Resolved, 3. That we tender our heartiest sympathy to his wife, brothers, and sisters, commending them to the Savior he loved so well.

Resolved, 4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mrs. Riser and a page in our Minutes be devoted to his memory.

A. D. R. HANCHER,
J. A. HUFFARD,
J. E. SHENK.

MEMOIR

OF

REV. H. MAX LENTZ.

Hualpha Maximus Lentz was born April 20, 1851, near Statesville, North Carolina. He was prepared for college at Catawba High School. He entered Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg and graduated in the class of 1878. He took the theological course in the seminary connected with that institution, and was ordained as a minister of the Lutheran church in 1881. His first charge was at Mt. Morris, Ill. He afterward served congregations at Topeka, Kansas, and Fairfield, Iowa. From Fairfield he went to Florence, Kentucky, and while serving this charge was at the same time editor of the Lutheran World, then published at Cincinnati. He conducted that paper from 1898 to 1900. In October, 1900, he accepted a call from the Lutheran churches at Shepherdstown and Uvilla, and began his ministry the first of November following.

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father in his wisdom has seen proper to permit so sore a bereavement as that occasioned by the sad and sudden death of our dear brother and fellow-laborer H. Max Lentz, which death occurred at Shepherdstown, W. Va., on September 9, 1902; and

WHEREAS, Our Reverend Brother had in so short a time so favorably impressed the Synod as being an unusually bright, intelligent, and gifted man, an earnest and faithful preacher of the Word, a devoted, vigilant, and affectionate pastor; and

WHEREAS, The Synod recognizes in his decease a great loss to the church and to the pastorate he served and to his own immediate family; therefore be it

Resolved, 1. That as a Synod we hereby express and put on record in the Minutes of this body, our deep feelings of sorrow and our keen sense of bereavement on account of the death of our Brother Lentz.

Resolved, 2. That we in our deep sorrow bow in submission to the will of the just and righteous God who doth all things for the best.

Resolved, 3. That we recognize in this sad dispensation the voice of our Heavenly Father calling us, who remain, to a higher degree of consecration and to a more unselfish devotion of all our talents, our efforts, and energies to the great cause of winning souls to Christ.

Resolved, 4. That we present a copy of these resolutions to the family of the deceased, assuring them of our deep, heartfelt sympathy, and publish said resolutions in the *Lutheran Visitor* and *Our Church Paper*.

Resolved, 5. That special prayer be offered, and suitable remarks made at this session of our Synod.

L. L. SMITH,
E. L. FOLK,
J. W. STRICKLER,
COMMITTEE.

Concerning the life and character of Rev. Riser, brief addresses were made by Revs. W. B. Aull, A. D. R. Hancher, E. A. Repass, J. M. Shreckhise, L. L. Smith, and Messrs. J. W. Stover and W. H. Johnson.

Concerning the life and character of Rev. Lentz, brief addresses were made by Revs. J. A. Snyder, D. D., J. E. Shenk, J. E. Bushnell, D. D., and L. L. Smith, after which Rev. Peter Miller led in prayer.

Adjourned. Benediction by the President.

SEVENTH SESSION.

CHRIST CHURCH, STAUNTON, VA.,
OCTOBER 25, 1902—9:30 A. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. C. M. Fox. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

The following report, pending on adjournment, was read, amended, and adopted:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE No. 7—EDUCATION AND CHURCH LITERATURE.

Your committee report the following:

1. We recommend that the 1st Sunday in next May of each year be set apart as College Day, and, as far as practicable, all the pastors of Synod be instructed to preach on education and take up a collection for Roanoke College.

2. A letter from the President of the Theological Seminary at Mt. Pleasant, S. C., has been placed in our hands; with regard to which we recommend (a) that it be read before Synod; (b) it is the sense of this Synod that as far as expedient, our theological students should attend our own seminary at Mt. Pleasant.

3. Believing the welfare of our churches depends upon the increased intelligence of our laity, we recommend that each pastor make special effort to increase the circulation of the *Lutheran Visitor* or *Our Church Paper* in their several congregations.

J. W. STRICKLER,
J. A. BOORD,
W. L. DOSH,
A. D. R. HANCHER,
R. G. COINER.

INTRODUCED TO THE SYNOD.

On motion, Rev. R. C. Jett, of Emmanuel P. E. church, of Staunton, Va., was introduced to the Synod.

SPEAKERS FOR 1903.

Education—Rev. J. A. Huffard.

Missions—Rev. W. B. Oney.

Ordination—Rev. P. Miller.

COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF PASTORS' FUND SOCIETY.

On motion, the following committee was appointed: Revs. A. D. R. Hancher, W. B. Oney, and Mr. J. K. Lewis.

The following report, which was recommitted, was considered, amended, and adopted:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee elected at the last meeting of Synod convened immediately after adjournment and elected Rev. S. L. Keller, chairman, and the Rev. Geo. A. Riser, as secretary. The work of the year was resumed at once by entering into correspondence with the several vacant pastorates existing with the view of supplying these vacancies as speedily as practicable.

Blank monthly reports were provided and forwarded to the mission pastors of the Synod. A special formal appeal in the interest of Home Missions was also provided and mailed with mission envelopes to all the Sunday-schools that applied and would contribute to the work.

Just at this juncture of the proceedings, we regret to report the death of our most worthy and devoted secretary, Rev. Geo. A. Riser, who was called from the scene of his earthly conflicts and labors to the ranks of the redeemed on high. The committee would here suggest that suitable memorials of the life and death of our departed brother and co-laborer, be prepared and adopted by this body during its present session.

The thanks of this committee are hereby tendered the Rev. A. D. R. Hancher for kindly acting as secretary and for the valuable assistance rendered the committee in its executive sessions.

OF REPORTS.

Regular monthly reports have been received from all the missions under the support of the Synod, with but one or two exceptions. Faithful and efficient service has been rendered by our missionaries during the year. Some show marked indications of progress and advancement, while others report but the usual healthy, steady growth.

The quarterly reports of Beneficiary H. F. Coffelt have been duly received, and commendable progress and advancement in his studies are noted. The secretary of the faculty of Roanoke College adds that "he is doing excellent work."

VACANCIES FILLED.

Rev. J. A. Boord, of Melrose, Florida, received and accepted a call to the Shenandoah pastorate, and on the 1st of June entered actively upon the work.

Rev. C. M. Fox, of Crockett's, Va., was called to the Capon pastorate and in April entered upon the active duties within this field of labor. Both these brethren have been most cordially received by the people of their respective pastorates, and report commendable progress for the time in which they have been engaged. The only vacant pastorate existing at present is that of Harrisonburg, which is in the hands of a special committee, and will doubtless receive deserved attention at this session of Synod.

SYNOD RELIEVED.

During the year two of our missions have formed an agreeable union with other pastorates, and thus relieved the Synod of further support.

1. Stephen's City mission has united with St. Paul's church of the Lebanon pastorate, forming one pastorate, with Rev. J. W. Strickler as pastor.

2. The Buena Vista mission has united with the Spring Valley pastorate (Rev. J. M. Schreckhise resigned), forming one pastorate, with Rev. W. B. Aull as pastor.

NEW MISSIONS.

Since the last meeting of the Synod the chairman of the Executive Committee was charged with the duty of canvassing the towns of Covington, Clifton Forge, and Glen Wilton with a view of establishing the Lutheran church in these important and growing towns. A summary report of the work effected by the chairman and the Rev. W. B. Ouey, who kindly assisted, is herewith submitted.

COVINGTON.

Number sermons preached, 2; number children baptized, 4; number Lutherans enrolled, 22; number families represented, 15; number children in families, 24; amount subscribed, $176.

CLIFTON FORGE.

Number Lutherans enrolled, 10; no subscriptions solicited.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED.

A personal communication was received in behalf of Mr. B. F. Landes, who was represented as being a candidate for the ministry

and seeking aid for the prosecution of his studies. A letter from Mr. Landes later revealed the fact that he had already engaged to teach the coming year.

Waynesboro mission, through its active and energetic pastor Rev. E. C. Cronk, has already placed its application before the committee for continued and increased aid for the coming year. As this mission promises in the near future, if not in the next year, to become self-sustaining, and in view of the purpose of the congregation to pay off during the coming year all indebtedness and to dedicate their splendid building to the service of Almighty God—and, further, in view of a most cordial invitation which will be extended to Synod to meet in Grace Evangelical Lutheran church, Waynesboro, Va., at its next annual session, we, your committee, would most heartily commend the application of Waynesboro to your favorable notice and attention.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That adequate support for Beneficiary H. F. Coffelt be continued.

2. That the North River, Capon, Shenandoah and Churchville pastorates receive the careful consideration and cordial support of the Synod.

3. That the amount of $8.70, balance of expenses incurred by the Executive Committee during the year, be paid out of the treasury of Synod.

4. That Covington, Clifton Forge, and Glen Wilton be referred to the Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. KELLER,
J. M. SCHRECKHISE,
J. A. WISE,
J. E. CALE.

The following report was read and adopted:

TRUSTEES OF PASTORS' FUND SOCIETY.

Your committee to nominate trustees for Pastors' Fund Society, recommend the following persons: Revs. L. L. Smith, W. J. Smith, E. L. Folk, Messrs. J. E. Cooper and C. W. Heater.

Respectfully submitted,

A. D. R. HANCHER,
W. B. ONEY,
JOHN K. LEWIS.

The following report was read and adopted:

SCANDINAVIAN IMMIGRATION.

We, your committee appointed to consider the paper submitted by Maj. Absalom Koiner relating to Scandinavian immigrants, would recommend that a committee of five, including the President and

Secretary of Synod, be appointed, whose duty it shall be to devise plans by which they may be induced to locate within our bounds and be provided for spiritually.

W. P. HUDDLE,
S. L. KELLER,
J. L. TEAFORD,
COMMITTEE.

Committee—Rev. C. A. Freed, president; Rev. L. L. Smith, secretary; and Rev. E. A. Repass, and Messrs. A. Koiner and A. H. Towberman.

QUESTIONABLE WORLDLINESS.

The following was adopted:

WHEREAS, The increased facilities for printing and distributing the products of the press are giving currency and moneyed profit to the vendors of a vast circulation of material under the guise of the popular phrase of "Literature and Learning," captivating the incautious and easily deluded, blurring the tablet of the youthful mind, poisoning the streams of pure thought and decency, turning aside unwary feet from the paths of virtue, pure religion, and safety, creating and fostering impure appetites and unholy desires; and

WHEREAS, There is an all-too-prevalent tendency to the conviviality of the gaming tables of the most questionable character, a growing and passionate fondness for the card parties of so-called society, and a dangerous trifling with other gigantic worldliness—all leading down to a sad irreverence for the Christian's God and His pure Word, and tending to the mutilation of that Word or the condonement of clear and undisputed departures therefrom, and since there largely obtains a practical infidelity and scepticism under specious names and titles seeking to subvert the church and establish and popularize the most blatant pantheism and idolatry to suit the most morbid cravings of public demand; therefore, be it

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by this Synod to prepare an address to the churches, warning our people of the soul-destroying dangers which environ and threaten them, exhorting to greater diligence everywhere in protecting those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ from these direful evils of the present age, and especially in securing the young from such subtle and destroying influences.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 4—APPORTIONMENTS AND APPROPRIATIONS.

Your Committee on Apportionments and Appropriations submit the following:

APPORTIONMENTS.

PASTORATE.	Theo. Seminary.	Bene. Education.	Spe. Synodical Home Mission Fund.	Synodical Fund.	Home Missions for United Synod.	Foreign Missions.	Orphan Home.	Furlough Fund.	Totals Apportioned.
Bethany	$ 3 00	$ 3 00	$ 7 00	$ 8 00	$ 28 00	$ 18 00	$ 7 00	$ 3 00	$ 77 00
Bethlehem	6 00	3 00	9 00	6 00	15 00	8 00	4 00	3 00	54 00
Capon	2 00	3 00	5 00	3 50	16 00	10 00	5 00	3 00	47 50
Churchville { St. Peter's	2 00	3 00	4 00	2 50	6 00	6 00	2 00	3 00	28 50
Churchville { Pleasant View	2 00	3 00	4 00	5 00	8 00	5 00	3 00	3 00	33 00
Gravel Springs	7 00	6 00	10 00	15 00	65 00	50 00	25 00	4 00	182 00
Harrisonburg	3 00	3 00	5 00	2 75	18 00	10 00	5 00	3 00	49 75
Lebanon	2 00	3 00	4 00	5 00	22 00	10 00	3 00	3 00	52 00
Luray { Ebenezer	1 00	1 00	2 50	2 75	8 00	5 00	2 50	1 00	23 75
Luray { St. Mark's	2 00	2 00	3 00	4 50	9 00	6 00	4 00	2 00	32 50
Luray { Bethlehem	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 75	6 00	4 00	2 00	1 00	18 75
Madison { Pisgah	1 00	3 00	2 00	2 75	2 00	1 00	1 00	3 00	15 75
Madison { Hebron	12 00	8 00	20 00	25 00	90 00	50 00	25 00	7 00	237 00
Mt. Jackson	4 00	7 50	17 00	20 00	87 00	45 00	17 50	7 50	205 50
Mason	2 00	3 00	8 00	7 50	35 00	20 00	10 00	3 00	88 50
Middlebrook { Holy Trinity	2 00	3 75	5 00	5 00	20 00	10 00	5 00	3 75	54 50
Middlebrook { St. Mark's	2 00	2 25	3 50	3 00	15 00	10 00	2 50	2 25	40 50
Mt. Tabor	8 00	6 00	14 00	15 00	65 00	40 00	15 00	5 00	168 00
New Market { St. Matthew	5 00	4 00	14 00	9 00	45 00	20 00	5 00	4 00	106 00
New Market { St. Mark	4 00	3 00	7 00	3 00	14 00	10 00	4 00	3 00	48 00
New Market { St. Martin	4 00	3 00	7 00	3 00	14 00	10 00	4 00	3 00	48 00
Newport News	2 00	3 00	7 00	5 00	8 00	7 00	3 00	2 00	37 00
Norfolk	2 00	3 00	8 00	7 00	20 00	15 00	8 00	2 00	65 00
North River	4 00	3 00	8 00	5 00	19 00	10 00	5 00	3 00	57 00
Page—St. Peter's	2 00	3 00	3 50	3 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	3 00	19 50
Richmond	4 00	3 00	8 00	8 00	22 50	7 00	7 00	2 50	62 00
Rockingham	3 00	3 00	5 00	7 00	24 00	15 00	7 50	2 50	67 00
Shenandoah { Mt. Zion	2 00	3 00	4 00	3 00	15 00	18 00	2 50	3 00	50 50
Shenandoah { St. Luke	1 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	10 00	7 00	2 50	2 00	29 50
Shepherdstown { St. Peter	8 00	7 50	20 00	25 00	66 00	40 00	20 00	6 00	192 50
Shepherdstown { Uvilla	4 00	5 00	12 00	12 00	34 00	20 00	10 00	4 00	101 00
Spring Val { Buena Vista	3 00	3 00	4 00	4 00	10 00	8 00	3 00	2 00	37 00
Spring Val { New Mt. Olive	1 00	1 50	3 50	1 50	3 50	3 50	1 00	1 00	16 50
Spring Val { Spring Valley	1 00	1 50	3 50	1 50	3 50	3 50	1 00	1 00	16 50
Salem	5 00	3 00	10 00	17 00	42 00	30 00	7 50	3 00	117 50
Staunton	7 00	8 00	20 00	20 00	70 00	40 00	20 00	8 00	193 00
Strasburg { St. Paul	1 50	4 00	14 00	12 00	30 00	18 00	7 50	3 00	90 00
Strasburg { St. Peter	1 50	4 00	14 00	10 00	25 00	15 00	7 50	3 00	80 00
Stephen's City { St. Paul's	2 00	2 00	4 00	5 00	22 00	10 00	2 50	2 00	49 50
Stephen's City { Trinity	2 00	1 00	3 50	7 00	20 00	12 00	5 00	1 00	51 50
Waynesboro	2 00	3 00	7 00	5 00	5 00	4 00	3 00	3 00	32 00
Winchester	15 00	15 00	50 00	75 00	225 00	1050 00	55 00	10 00	1495 00
Woodstock	9 00	6 00	20 00	20 00	35 00	25 00	9 00	5 00	129 00
Zion—St. James	7 00	7 50	14 00	15 00	70 00	40 00	13 00	5 00	171 50
Totals	$164 00	$169 50	$398 00	$421 00	$1369 50	$1748 00	$353 00	$147 50	$4770 50

RECOMMENDATION.

The committee further recommends that the amount apportioned each congregation for Furlough Fund be raised by Jan. 1st, 1903.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL APPORTIONMENTS.

For Synodical Home Missions.

Bethany—Bethany pastorate	$ 8 00
Bethlehem—Bethlehem pastorate	6 00
Grace—Waynesboro pastorate	6 00
Spring Valley—Buena Vista pastorate	3 00
Trinity—Buena Vista pastorate	2 00
Hebron—Capon pastorate	5 00
St. Peter's—Capon pastorate	5 00
St. James—North River pastorate	4 00
Mt. Moriah—North River pastorate	2 00
North River church—North River pastorate	4 00
St. Peter's—Churchville pastorate	2 00
Pleasant View—Churchville pastorate	4 00
Bethel—Gravel Springs pastorate	8 00
Fremont—Gravel Springs pastorate	1 00
Gravel Springs—Gravel Springs pastorate	5 00
St. John—Gravel Springs pastorate	8 00
St. James—Gravel Springs pastorate	5 00
Muhlenberg—Harrisonburg pastorate	10 00
Lebanon—Lebanon pastorate	5 00
St. Paul—Stephens City pastorate	5 00
Hebron—Madison pastorate	15 00
Mt. Pisgah—Madison pastorate	1 00
Mt. Calvary—Mt. Jackson pastorate	6 00
Bethel—Mt. Jackson pastorate	2 50
St. James—Mt. Jackson pastorate	2 50
New Haven—Mason pastorate	2 00
New Hope—Mason pastorate	1 00
White—Mason pastorate	2 00
Zion—Mason pastorate	1 00
Holy Trinity—Middlebrook pastorate	6 00
Mt. Hermon—Middlebrook pastorate	2 00
St. Mark's—Middlebrook pastorate	2 00
Mt. Tabor—Mt. Tabor pastorate	10 00
St. Matthew's—New Market pastorate	4 00
St. Mark's—New Market pastorate	2 00
St. Martin—New Market pastorate	2 00
First Church—Norfolk pastorate	10 00
Bethlehem—Luray pastorate	1 00
St. Mark's—Luray pastorate	8 00
Ebenezer—Luray pastorate	5 00
First English Church—Richmond pastorate	15 00
Frieden's—Rockingham pastorate	3 00

St. John's—Rockingham pastorate	$ 3 00
Mt. Zion—Shenandoah pastorate	1 50
St. Luke's—Shenandoah pastorate	1 50
St. Peter's—Shepherdstown pastorate	20 00
Uvilla—Shepherdstown pastorate	10 00
Christ Church—Staunton pastorate	20 00
Trinity—Stephens City pastorate	10 00
St. Paul's—Strasburg pastorate	15 00
St. Peter's—Strasburg pastorate	10 00
Salem—Salem pastorate	12 00
Melanchthon Chapel—Salem pastorate	5 00
St. James—Salem pastorate	5 00
Zion—Zion-St. James pastorate	8 00
St. James—Zion-St. James pastorate	8 00
Grace Church—Winchester pastorate	100 00
Emmanuel—Woodstock pastorate	25 00
Smithfield—Middleway pastorate	2 00
St. Peter's—Shenandoah City pastorate	2 00
Newport News	5 00
	$464 00

NEWPORT NEWS FUND—DELINQUENT PASTORATES.

The Synod, at its session in 1899, pledged $2,000 toward the Newport News mission church. An apportionment was made among the churches, for the term of three years, in order to raise said amount. The three years having expired, the following pastorates paid in full their respective apportionments: Gravel Springs, Lebanon, Norfolk, Richmond, Staunton, Strasburg, Winchester, Woodstock, Harrisonburg, Madison; and these failed to raise their respective amounts by the amounts here given, taken from Treasurer's books. (See page 21 of the present Minutes—Committee on President's Report.)

Bethany	$ 5 00
Bethlehem	5 00
Buena Vista	5 00
Capon	5 00
Churchville	50
Luray	15 00
Mt. Jackson	120 35
Mason	15 00
Middlebrook	6 61
Mt. Tabor	30 00
New Market	35 13
Rockingham	19 99
Shenandoah	10 00
Shepherdstown	50 00

Stephens City	$ 6 00
Salem	30 00
Waynesboro	70 00
	$428 58

APPROPRIATIONS.

FROM BENEFICIARY EDUCATION FUND.

For Harry Coffelt	$ 100 00

FROM SYNODICAL FUND HOME MISSIONS.

For Harrisonburg	$ 275 00
For Churchville	75 00
For Shenandoah	60 00
For Capon	60 00
For North River	75 00
For Waynesboro	250 00
For Executive Board's Expenses	8 75
	$ 803 75

FROM THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY FUND.

For Theological Seminary	$ 150 00

FROM SYNODICAL FUND

For interest Seminary Fund	$ 120 00
For printing Minutes	90 00
For Secretary's salary	28 00
For Treasurer's salary	50 00
	$ 288 00

FROM UNITED SYNOD HOME MISSION FUND.

For Home Mission United Synod	$1250 00

FROM ORPHANS' HOME FUND.

For Orphans' Home	$ 350 00

FROM FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

For Foreign Missions	$ 992 00
For United Synod Board, salary for Rev. R. B. Peery	1050 00
	$2042 00

FROM FURLOUGH FUND.

For Furlough Fund	$ 124 00

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. RISER,
S. A. FLICKINGER,
W. P. HUDDLE,
J. W. SHUEY,
J. M. BAYLOR.

The following report was adopted:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your committee, appointed to nominate an Executive Committee, beg to report the following: A. D. R. Hancher, S. L. Keller, J. A. Huffard, J. A. Wise, J. F. Bowman.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. SMITH,
E. A. SHENK,
J. L. TEAFORD.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE No. 6—THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

We, your committee, have gleaned from the reports of the several pastors the following facts:

1. That there is a lamentable inactivity on the part of many members in most of the churches. But as an offset to this fact, the reports show the reverse of this in the activity, zeal, and consecration of a goodly number of church members.

2. Attendance on the services of the sanctuary, at the time of the preaching of the Word; in the work of the Sunday-school; and especially on exercises connected with the administration of the holy communion, is very encouraging.

3. There has been a *decrease* in contributions to the Lord's work in some of the pastorates, whilst in others there has been no falling off, but it is apparent that there has been but little, if any, advance along this line by our Synod.

4. Our Sunday-schools are in fairly good working condition.

5. Catechisation appears to be well attended to in some of the churches, and good results are following.

6. The financial work of the churches is in a safe condition, but enlarged contributions would enable congregations and Synod to do more efficient work for the Master.

7. Houses of worship and parsonages generally are reported to be in good condition.

8. Education is receiving a good degree of attention, though not nearly as many of our young people are in our church schools as there should be.

9. Our own literature is generally used in our Sunday-schools, but in too many homes there is a lack of Lutheran books, and of our excellent church papers, the *Lutheran Visitor* and *Our Church Paper*.

P. MILLER,
J. A. SNYDER,
D. W. FILES,
D. H. HOTTLE.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REARRANGEMENT OF PASTORATES.

Your committee, appointed to rearrange pastorates, beg leave to report as follows:

1. That the committee invited the councils of St. Paul's and Lebanon churches, Trinity church at Stephens City, St. Paul's of Strasburg, and St. Peter's of Tom's Brook, and Zion and St. Luke's of the Shenandoah pastorate. The conference was held at Lebanon church, May 16, 1902, all the congregations being represented. After a full discussion, the committee recommended that Trinity and St. Paul's be united into the Stephens City pastorate, that Lebanon stand alone for the present, and that Strasburg and Shenandoah pastorates remain as at present constituted.

2. The committee further communicated with the President of Synod and the Southern Conference, and are glad to report that the said conference united Spring Valley and Buena Vista into a pastorate.

These changes help very much to solve the perplexing question of caring for these congregations.

3. The committee has considered the needs of Harrisonburg and Shenandoah churches, and the constitution of these two churches into a pastorate as suggested to solve a difficult problem, and offer the following:

Resolved, That Rev. C. A. Freed, President of Synod, and Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, of the Executive Committee, and Rev. J. E. Shenk be appointed a committee to visit these two churches, canvass the same, and take what action may be necessary to carry on that work. To this end the Executive Committee is empowered to expend not over $275 per annum.

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. SMITH,
W. J. SMITH,
J. M. SHRECKHISE,
L. S. WALKER,
C. W. HEATER.

On motion, the committee was continued for another year.

Adjourned to meet as a Ministerium. Benediction by President.

EIGHTH SESSION.

CHRIST CHURCH, STAUNTON, VA.,
OCTOBER 25, 1902—12 M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. W. B. Aull.

The following report was read, considered by items, and adopted :

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE No. 9—MINUTES OF CONFERENCE.

Your committee would submit the following report :

1. Two meetings were held by each conference during the past synodical year, and substantial work seems to have been done.

2. We note that the Potomac Conference has separated the St. Paul's congregation from the Lebanon pastorate and united the same with the Stephens City pastorate. Also that the Southern Conference has united the Buena Vista and Spring Valley pastorates, constituting the new Buena Vista pastorate. We recommend that this action of the conferences be confirmed by the Synod.

3. A Congregational Constitution was prepared by the Southern Conference, and referred to the Virginia Synod; the Synod in turn referred it to the Potomac Conference which refused to adopt it, but requested the Virginia Synod to "overture the United Synod to prepare and submit a form of model constitution." We recommend :

1. That the Synod request the United Synod to prepare such a constitution for the use of the congregations within its bounds.

2. Pending the preparation of such a model constitution by the United Synod, we recommend that our congregations be left free to make such use of the form prepared by the Southern Conference as they may deem best. Respectfully submitted,

E. A. SHENK,
E. A. REPASS,
J. E. BUSHNELL,
GEO. M. GROVE,
J. H. CRABILL.

VOTE OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this Synod are due and are hereby tendered to the pastor, congregation, and friends of Christ church for their kindness and Christian hospitality, and the Synod expresses the deep appreciation of the work of this church and its prosperous condition.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE No. 8—VACANT CONGREGATIONS.

Your committee find vacant the following pastorates: Harrisonburg, Salem, Shepherdstown, Shenandoah City, and Luray. We understand Harrisonburg is acting, in connection with the Executive Committee, in an effort to secure a pastor. Expressing our very great sympathy for the two so greatly bereaved charges, we report them doing what they deem best to supply themselves with pastors. For Luray and Shenandoah City, arrangements are being made by Synod.

C. A. MARKS,
GEO. E. SHUEY,
D. RUSMISELL.

MINUTES.

Resolved, That the Secretary have 1500 copies of the Minutes printed and distributed.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of this Synod, with the approval of the officers of Synod, be empowered to appropriate any sum not exceeding $100 in our treasury unappropriated toward aiding any weak and vacant pastorate in securing a pastor.

Committee on Questionable Worldliness: Revs. J. E. Shenk, J. A. Snyder, D. D., and E. L. Folk.

PAY OF SEXTON.

On motion, the sexton of the church be paid $5 by the Treasurer for his services during the convention of Synod.

Adjourned. Benediction by the President.

L. L. SMITH,
Secretary Evang. Lutheran Synod of Virginia.

FORM FOR REPORT ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.

1. Activity in Christian Work.
2. Attendance on Service.
3. Benevolence.
4. Sunday-schools.
5. Catechisation.
6. Finances.
7. Church Property.
8. Education.
9. Church Literature.

MINUTES

OF THE

MINISTERIUM

OF THE

EVANG. LUTHERAN SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

FIRST SESSION.

CHRIST CHURCH, STAUNTON, VA.,
OCTOBER 22, 1902—4:30 P. M.

Ministerium convened. Prayer by Rev. W. J. Smith.

The President read a letter from Rev. M. R. Minnick, of Philadelphia, Pa., which was considered and deferred for future action.

President Dreher, of Roanoke College, addressed the Ministerium, after which talks were made by several of the members.

Adjourned. Benediction by Rev. Peter Miller.

SECOND SESSION.

CHRIST CHURCH, STAUNTON, VA.,
OCTOBER 22, 1902—9 P. M.

Ministerium convened. Prayer by Rev. J. W. Strickler.

Resolved, That Candidate H. F. Coffelt be recommended to the Synod for an appropriation of $100 for the year 1902-3.

The following committee was appointed on letter of Rev. H. F. Scheele: Revs. L. L. Smith, C. A. Freed, W. J. Smith, W. P. Huddle, and Peter Miller. After an informal consideration of various subjects, the Ministerium adjourned.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. W. B. Aull.

THIRD SESSION.

CHRIST CHURCH, STAUNTON, VA.,
OCTOBER 25, 1902—11 A. M.

Prayer by Rev. J. W. Strickler.

The following report was read and unanimously adopted:

REPORT ON LETTER OF REV. H. F. SCHEELE.

Your committee begs leave to submit the following report:

STAUNTON, VA., October 22, 1902.

REV. C. A. FREED,

President of the Evang. Lutheran Synod of Virginia,

DEAR SIR:—I herewith deposit with you my certificate of dismissal from the Virginia Synod, given several years ago, that I might connect myself with the Kansas Synod. As I did not remain in the West long enough, I never became identified with the said synod; and I now wish to return to this Synod as a regular member thereof.

Furthermore, as unfortunate domestic troubles have befallen me since I was dismissed from this Synod, and wishing to hold the holy office of the ministry above the possibility of criticism or reproach, I ask that a special committee of five members of the Ministerium of the Virginia Synod be appointed to look into the matters referred to, and report to the Ministerium before action is taken on the certificate which I herewith deposit with you as President of the Synod.

Very truly yours, H. F. SCHEELE.

In consideration of the various documents presented to us, and taking them to guide us, it gives us pleasure to report:

(1) That our brother, Rev. H. F. Scheele, is perfectly free from blame in the unhappy troubles which came to him in his married life, having through it all deported himself in the most exemplary manner and as a Christian minister should.

(2) That our brother, Rev. H. F. Scheele, pursued a Christian manner in trying, by every means in his power, to adjust these unhappy troubles; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That this Ministerium of the Synod of Virginia expresses its highest esteem for our brother and his Christian character.

Resolved, 2. That at any time our brother desires to actively engage in the work of the ministry, we here express our judgment of his solid attainments and thorough equipment for ministerial service, and this Ministerium most heartily and sincerely commends him to any

church needing the services of a faithful pastor and an edifying Gospel minister.

L. L. SMITH,
C. A. FREED,
W. J. SMITH,
W. P. HUDDLE,
PETER MILLER,
COMMITTEE.

RELATION OF REV. M. R. MINNICK.

On motion, the President was directed to correspond with Rev. M. R. Minnick and be empowered to grant him a letter of dismissal.

Adjourned. Benediction by Rev. J. A. Snyder, D. D.

L. L. SMITH,
Secy. Evang. Lutheran Ministerium of the Synod of Virginia.

DIVINE SERVICES.

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1902.

8:00 P. M.—Opening Sermon. Rev. C. A. Freed, Middlebrook, Va.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1902.

11:00 A. M.—Synodical Communion. Sermon by Rev. J. A. Snyder, D. D., New Market, Va.

8:00 P. M.—Education Address. Rev. W. P. Huddle, Madison, Va.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1902.

8:00 P. M.—Mission Address. Rev. C. A. Marks, Richmond, Va.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1902.

8:00 P. M.—Sermon. Rev. J. E. Bushnell, D. D., Winchester, Va.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1902.

11:00 A. M.—Sermon. Rev. L. L. Smith, Strasburg, Va.

8:00 P. M.—Sermon. Rev. J. A. Huffard, Ladd, Va.

9:30 A. M.—Sunday-school Services. Addresses by Revs. E. A. Shenk, E. L. Folk, and C. M. Fox.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1902.

11:00 A. M.—Sermon. Rev. C. A. Freed, Middlebrook, Va.

7:30 P. M.—Sermon. Rev. E. L. Folk, Mt. Jackson, Va.

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1902.

7:30 P. M.—Sermon. Rev. J. E. Shenk, Woodstock, Va.

METHODIST CHURCH.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1902.

11:00 A. M.—Sermon. Rev. E. L. Folk, Mt. Jackson, Va.

7:30 P. M.—Sermon. Rev. E. A. Shenk, Newport News, Va.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1902.

11:00 A. M.—Sermon. Rev. J. W. Shuey, Alone, Va.

7:30 P. M.—Sermon. Rev. W. P. Huddle, Madison, Va.

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MINUTES OF THE SEVENTY-FOURTH CONVENTION OF THE EVANG. LUTHERAN SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia met pursuant to notice in Mt. Calvary church, Mt. Jackson, Va., Tuesday evening, August 18, 1903. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. D. M. Gilbert, D. D., Harrisburg, Pa.

FIRST SESSION.

MT. CALVARY CHURCH, MT. JACKSON, VA.,
AUGUST 19, 1903—9 A. M.

Synod was formally opened by the President, Rev. P. Miller, according to the service of the Book of Worship. The clerical roll was called and absentees noted. Lay-delegates presented their credentials, and the names of those entitled to seats in the Synod were enrolled.

CLERICAL ROLL.

MINISTERS.	POST-OFFICE.	ORDAINED.
Rev. J. M. Shreckhise	Moffatt's Creek, Va.	1858
" J. A. Snyder, D. D.	New Market, Va	1859
" P. Miller	Rio, W. Va	1860
" A. A. J. Bushong*	Strasburg, Va.	1863
" H. C. Haithcox, D. D	Shepherdstown, W. Va.	1872
" A. M. Smith	Middletown, Va	1876
" C. A. Marks	Richmond, Va.	1877
" W. J. Smith	Bloom, Frederick county, Va.	1878
" L. L. Smith, D. D	Strasburg, Va.	1880
" J. W. Strickler	Stephens City, Va.	1882
" W. B. Oney	Bridgewater, Va	1882
" George S. Bowers	Winchester, Va.	1883
" E. L. Folk	Mt. Jackson, Va.	1884
" G. E. Shuey	Harrisonburg, Va.	1886
" S. L. Keller	Waynesboro, Va	1887
" J. A. Huffard	Luray, Va.	1888
" W. P. Huddle	Madison C. H., Va	1888
" H. F. Scheele *	Staunton, Va	1888
" J. E. Shenk	Woodstock, Va	1890
" J. A. Boord *	Jadwyn, Va.	1890
" R. B. Peery, Ph. D.	Salem, Va	1892
" J. A. Morehead, D. D	Salem, Va.	1892
" A. D. R. Hancher	Staunton, Va	1892
" E. A. Shenk	Newport News, Va.	1895
" D. W. Files	Mt. Sidney, Va	1896
" C. E. Hershberger	Stony Man, Va	1896
" J. W. Shuey	Alone, Va.	1897
" W. H. Riser	Norfolk, Va.	1898
" W. W. J. Ritchie	Middlebrook, Va	1898
" Y. von A. Riser	Waynesboro, Va	1898
" E. A. Repass	Middlebrook, Va	1900
" W B. Aull	Buena Vista, Va	1901
" C. M. Fox	Wardensville, W. Va	1902

* Absent and excused.

REGISTER.

NUMBER.	PASTORATES.	CHURCHES.	PASTORS.
1	Bethany	Bethany, Mt. Olive	Rev. J. W. Shuey.
2	Bethlehem	Bethlehem	Vacant.
3	Buena Vista	Trinity, New Mt. Olive, Spring Val'y	Rev. W. B. Aull.
4	Capon	Hebron, St. Peter, Trinity, Trout Run church, and Fairview	Rev. C. M. Fox.
5	Churchville	St. Peter, Pleasant View, St. Paul	Vacant.
6	Gravel Springs	Bethel, Fremont, Gravel Springs, St. John, St. James	Rev. W. J. Smith.
7	Harrisonburg	Muhlenberg	Rev. G. E. Shuey.
8	Lebanon	Lebanon	Rev. A. M. Smith.
9	Madison	Hebron, Mt. Pisgah	Rev. W. P. Huddle.
10	Mt. Jackson	Mt. Calvary, Bethel, St. James	Rev. E. L. Folk.
11	Mason	New Haven, New Hope, White, Zion	Vacant.
12	Middlebrook	Holy Trinity, Newport, St. Mark.	Rev. W. W. J. Ritchie.
13	Mt. Tabor	Mt. Tabor	Rev. E. A. Repass.
14	New Market	St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Martin.	Rev. J. A. Snyder, D. D.
15	Newport News	Trinity	Rev. E. A. Shenk.
16	Norfolk	First Church	Rev. W. H. Riser.
17	North River	North River church, St. James, and Mt. Moriah	Rev. Peter Miller.
18	Luray	Bethlehem, St. Mark, Ebenezer	Rev. J. A. Huffard.
19	Richmond	First English Lutheran Church	Rev. C. A. Marks
20	Rockingham	Frieden, St. John, Trinity	Rev. W. B. Oney.
21	Shenandoah	Mt. Zion, St. Luke	Vacant.
22	Shepherdstown	St. Peter, St. James	Rev. H. C. Haithcox, D. D.
23	Staunton	Christ Evang. Lutheran Church	Rev. A. D. R. Hancher.
24	Stephens City	Trinity, St. Paul	Rev. J. W. Strickler.
25	Strasburg	St. Paul, St. Peter	Rev. L. L. Smith, D. D.
26	Smithfield	Gerardstown, Middleway	Vacant.
27	Salem	Salem, Melanchthon Chapel, St. James	Rev. D. W. Files.
28	Zion-St. James	Zion, St. James	Rev. S. L. Keller.
29	Waynesboro	Grace	Rev. Y. Von A. Riser.
30	Winchester	Grace Church	Rev. G. S. Bowers.
31	Woodstock	Emmanuel	Rev. J. E. Shenk.
32	Page	St. Peter	Vacant.

LAY-DELEGATES.

Bethany, Bittle Obenschain; Capon, C. H. Cline; Churchville, B. F. Houff; Gravel Springs, George Rinker; Harrisonburg, J. M. Brown; Lebanon, G. H. Snarr; Madison, J. C. Utz; Mt. Jackson, J. S. C. Murphy; Newport News, Col. J. C. Baker; Norfolk, M. W. Burk; North River, H. D. Reed; Luray, J. C. Bowers; Rockingham, F. R. Rhodes; Shepherdstown, M. McKee; Staunton, Jacob A. Shaner; Stephens City, J. M. Cadwallader; Tom's Brook, N. F. Snarr; Salem, N. I. Kagey; Waynesboro, J. C. Henkel; Woodstock, Frank S. Bowman; Buena Vista, D. B. Foltz; Shenandoah, Edward Dellinger; Middlebrook, Thomas Sansebaugh; Mt. Tabor, A. W. Kniple; Strasburg, C. W. Heater; Bethlehem, S. B. Harper; New Market, J. Rufus Zirkle; Zion-St. James, J. J. Harner.

The President, Rev. Peter Miller, read his report, which was received and laid on the table for future action.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN IN THE MINISTRY:—Let us render hearty gratitude to our kind Heavenly Father for the privilege of assembling once more in synodical convention. We, who are pastors, have nearly all been able to prosecute our work with but little interruption during the past year. But yet a few of our number deserve our sympathies and an interest in our prayers, because of afflictions and the infirmities incident to old age. At least two of our pastors have been afflicted to such a degree as to unfit them, during part of the year, for their beloved work of preaching the Gospel and doing other pastoral work. The Lord bless our venerable brother Rev. J. A. Snyder, D. D., and our efficient brother Rev. A. D. R. Hancher in their present *enforced* vacation; and grant that they soon may be enabled to resume their loved employment; and may each of our old and superannuated brethren enjoy the rich blessings of that Gospel which they have so long preached. And let us all "work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work."

Our efficient President, Rev. C. A. Freed, decided to go beyond our bounds before the half of his term of office had expired, and he wrote me on the 23d of March, 1903, saying: "I shall ask you to assume the duties of President at once." He subsequently sent me a statement of his official acts as President of Synod, which appear in this report in the order of the dates in which they were performed.

RESIGNATIONS.

January 25, 1903, Rev. J. A. Boord gave notice that he had resigned the Shenandoah pastorate, which resignation would take effect at Easter.

February 24, 1903, Rev. J. A. Huffard gave notice that he had resigned the Bethlehem pastorate, to take effect on or about the 1st of April.

March 6, 1903, Rev. D. W. Files gave notice that he had resigned the Mason pastorate, to take effect March 31st.

July 1, 1903, Rev. George E. Shuey gave notice that he had resigned the Churchville pastorate, and that he had concluded his work in those churches, St. Peter's and Pleasant View, June 30th.

July 20, 1903, Rev. W. B. Aull gave notice that he had resigned the Buena Vista pastorate, to take effect 1st September next.

August 17, 1903, Rev. E. A. Repass gave notice that he had resigned the Mt. Tabor pastorate, to take effect about the middle of October next.

DISMISSIONS.

March 10, 1903, Rev. E. C. Cronk was given a letter of honorable dismissal to the Synod of Georgia.

April 3, 1903, Rev. J. E. Bushnell, D. D., was honorably dismissed from the Synod of Virginia and transferred to the Synod of Southwestern Virginia.

May 11, 1903, Rev. C. A. Freed, ex-president of this Synod, was given a letter of honorable dismissal from the Synod of Virginia and transferred to the Synod of South Carolina.

May 12, 1903, Rev. M. R. Minnick was honorably transferred from the Virginia Synod to the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States. Mr. Minnick wrote, June 13th: "I was cordially received into the 'old mother synod' without a murmur, at its late meeting, June 4th to 10th."

CALLS ACCEPTED.

March 6, 1903, Rev. D. W. Files accepted a call to the Salem pastorate.

February 26, 1903, Rev. J. A. Huffard accepted a call to the Luray pastorate.

July 1, 1903, Rev. George E. Shuey accepted a call, tendered him May 29th, to Muhlenberg church, Harrisonburg, Va.

May 5, 1903, Rev. G. S. Bowers informed me that he had accepted a call to Grace Evangelical Lutheran church, Winchester, and that he had been at work there since December 1, 1902.

About the first of May, 1903, I learned through the public papers, religious and secular, that Rev. H. C. Haithcox, D. D., had accepted a call to the Shepherdstown pastorate, and had entered upon his work in that field.

CREDENTIALS RECEIVED.

March 6, 1903, Rev. Y. von A. Riser was honorably dismissed from the Synod of South Carolina, and was transferred to the Virginia Synod.

May 10, 1903, Rev. W. W. J. Ritchie was given an honorable dismissal from the Synod of North Carolina, and was transferred to the Virginia Synod.

August 10, 1903, Rev. George S. Bowers' regular dismissal from the Synod of Maryland was received, that he might unite with the Synod of Virginia.

INSTALLATIONS.

April 26, 1903, Rev. Y. von A. Riser was installed pastor of Grace Evangelical Lutheran church, Waynesboro, Revs. S. L. Keller and W. B. Aull officiating.

May 24, 1903, Rev. W. H. Riser was installed pastor of the First Evangelical Lutheran church, Norfolk, Va., Revs. J. E. and E. A. Shenk officiating.

June 7, 1903, Rev. D. W. Files was installed pastor of the Salem pastorate, Revs. J. M. Schreckhise and E. A. Repass officiating.

June 21, 1903, Rev. J. A. Huffard was installed pastor of the Luray pastorate, Rev. A. D. R. Hancher performing all the official acts.

June 3, 1903, Rev. W. W. J. Ritchie asked that a committee be appointed to install him as pastor of Middlebrook pastorate. The appointment of the committee was referred to the President of the Southern Conference, and arrangements have been made for Mr. Ritchie's installation.

DEDICATION.

May 24, 1903, Rev. W. H. Riser, assisted by Revs. J. E. Shenk, former and first pastor of the church, and E. A. Shenk, pastor of Trinity church, Newport News, dedicated the First Lutheran church, Norfolk, Va. There was great joy over the happy event, by former pastor, the present pastor, and the congregation; and into that joy the Synod, the Board of Missions, and the United Synod all most heartily enter.

NEWPORT NEWS FUND.

June 10, 1903, there had been paid on the "deficit" on pledge to Newport News, to this date, only $90.41 of the $350 which Synod, by resolutions at its last meeting, expressed its purpose to raise by the time of our present meeting.

Your President, therefore, published a statement of deficit, and complied with the spirit of the resolutions referred to; (see pages 21, 38, 39, Minutes of 1902) with what success, in the matter of raising the full sum of the deficit, the report of the Treasurer of Synod will show. If there should still be a deficit, after all shall have been reported that shall have been collected, then surely Synod will devise some plan by which its pledge to Trinity will be fully redeemed.

VACANCIES.

The Bethlehem pastorate, the Shenandoah pastorate, the Churchville pastorate, the Mason pastorate, and the Buena Vista pastorate are all vacant. These pastorates are comprised of eleven (11) congregations, numbering in the aggregate eight hundred and thirty-eight (838) enrolled members; six hundred and forty-one (641) resident communing members, and should receive at our hands a good deal more than a passing notice with a merely formal recommendation of Synod that they "make earnest efforts to procure pastors as soon as possible," &c.

The recommendation, in this connection, is that Synod secure, if possible, a synodical missionary, who shall devote his time and give his labors to the vacant pastorates of Synod; and that to carry out this recommendation a committee be appointed to propose a plan for Synod's consideration that shall so systematize the work as, with the Lord's blessing, will be of vast benefit to our present vacant pastorates and to others that shall become vacant from time to time.

HISTORICAL AND ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.

A notable event during the year was the services commemorating the 134th anniversary of St. Paul's church, Strasburg, and the twenty years ministry of the Rev. L. L. Smith, D. D., as the pastor. The services began August 12th and continued until August 17th, 1903, and were largely attended. Addresses were delivered by Rev. J. G. Butler, D. D., Washington, D. C.; Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D. D., of Mt. Airy Seminary, Philadelphia; Rev. D. M. Gilbert, D. D., Harrisburg, Pa.; and others.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE UNITED SYNOD.

It will be the duty of Synod, during its present convention, to elect delegates to the United Synod which will meet in its ninth convention in New Market, Va., on Wednesday before the second Sunday in July, 1904.

CONCLUSION.

Perhaps other matters of interest and importance will demand the attention and consideration of Synod which could not conveniently or properly be presented in this paper. I now return the trust which has been committed to me; and I do so with the most grateful feeling toward you all for the help which, in various ways, you have afforded me in the discharge of the duties of the office to which I came providentially.

And may our present meeting be characterized by earnestness in our Master's service, and by charity toward one another; and, consequently, by great efficiency in all we do.

P. MILLER, PRESIDENT.

The Secretary, Rev. L. L. Smith, D. D., read his report, which was received and laid on the table for future action.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary submits the following report for the past synodical year:

1. The Minutes were printed by Henkel & Co., New Market, Va. The cost of the Minutes was $93.83, including postage and expenses in distributing the same. The work was done in the usual excellent style of this well known establishment.

2. Reduced rates for this convention were secured over the B. & O. and Southern Railways. I applied to the Southern Railway for reduced rates but failed to receive any response, which I regret, but found at the railway stations instructions to sell reduced tickets to our convention.

3. The bill for postage, &c., in discharge of the routine duties of the Secretary's office is $3.

L. L. SMITH.

The Treasurer, Mr. L. S. Walker, read his report, which was received and laid on the table for future action.

APPORTIONMENTS AND RECEIPTS FROM THE SUNDAY-SCHOOLS OF VIRGINIA SYNOD FOR SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS.

For year ending August 20, 1903.

Sunday-School—Pastorate.	Apportioned.	Received.
Bethany—Bethany pastorate	$ 8 00	$ 8 00
Bethlehem—Bethlehem pastorate	6 00	6 00
Grace—Waynesboro pastorate	6 00	6 00
Spring Valley—Buena Vista pastorate	3 00	2 00
Trinity—Buena Vista pastorate	2 00	. . .
Hebron—Capon pastorate	5 00	. . .
St. Peter's—Capon pastorate	5 00	. . .
St. James—North River pastorate	4 00	2 00
Mt. Moriah—North River pastorate	2 00	2 00
North River church—North River pastorate	4 00	4 00
St. Peter's—Churchville pastorate	2 00	2 00
Pleasant View—Churchville pastorate	4 00	. . .
Bethel—Gravel Springs pastorate	8 00	8 00
Fremont—Gravel Springs pastorate	1 00	1 00
Gravel Springs—Gravel Springs pastorate	5 00	5 00
St. John—Gravel Springs pastorate	8 00	8 00
St. James—Gravel Springs pastorate	5 00	5 00
Muhlenberg—Harrisonburg pastorate	10 00	. . .
Lebanon—Lebanon pastorate	5 00	5 00
St. Paul—Stephens City pastorate	5 00	5 00
Hebron—Madison pastorate	15 00	15 00
Mt. Pisgah—Madison pastorate	1 00	1 00
Mt. Calvary—Mt. Jackson pastorate	6 00	. . .
Bethel—Mt. Jackson pastorate	2 50	. . .
St. James—Mt. Jackson pastorate	2 50	. . .
New Haven—Mason pastorate	2 00	.
New Hope—Mason pastorate	1 00	. . .
White—Mason pastorate	2 00	. . .
Zion—Mason pastorate	1 00	. . .
Holy Trinity—Middlebrook pastorate	6 00	. . .
Mt. Hermon—Middlebrook pastorate	2 00	. . .
St. Mark's—Middlebrook pastorate	2 00	. . .
Mt. Tabor—Mt. Tabor pastorate	10 00	6 50
St. Matthew's—New Market pastorate	4 00	. . .
St. Mark's—New Market pastorate	2 00	2 00
St. Martin—New Market pastorate	2 00	. . .
First Church—Norfolk pastorate	10 00	. . .
Bethlehem—Luray pastorate	1 00	. . .
St. Mark's—Luray pastorate	8 00	75
Ebenezer—Luray pastorate	5 00	. . .
First English Church—Richmond pastorate	15 00	15 00
Frieden's—Rockingham pastorate	3 00	3 00
St. John's—Rockingham pastorate	3 00	. . .
Mt. Zion—Shenandoah pastorate	1 50	. . .
St. Luke's—Shenandoah pastorate	1 50	. . .
St. Peter's—Shepherdstown pastorate	20 00	30 00
St. James—Shepherdstown pastorate	10 00	. . .
Christ Church—Staunton pastorate	20 00	20 00
Trinity—Stephens City pastorate	10 00	10 00
St. Paul's—Strasburg pastorate	15 00	15 00
St. Peter's—Strasburg pastorate	10 00	. . .
Salem—Salem pastorate	12 00	12 00
Melanchthon Chapel—Salem pastorate	5 00	5 00
St. James—Salem pastorate	5 00	5 00
Zion—Zion-St. James pastorate	8 00	8 00
St. James—Zion-St. James pastorate	8 00	. . .
Grace Church—Winchester pastorate	100 00	100 00
Emmanuel—Woodstock pastorate	25 00	25 00
Smithfield—Middleway pastorate	2 00	. . .
St. Peter's—Shenandoah City pastorate	2 00	. . .
Newport News	5 00	10 07
	$464 00	$352 32

Apportionments and Receipts from different pastorates of the Virginia Synod

Index Number.	Pastorate.	Theological Seminary.		Beneficiary Education.		Special Synodical Home Miss. Fund.		Synodical Fund.		Home Missions.	
		Apportioned.	Received.	Apportioned.	Received.	Apportioned.	Received.	Apportioned.	Received.	Apportioned.	Received.
1	Bethany	$ 3 00	$ 3 00	$ 3 00	$ 3 00	$ 7 00	$ 7 00	$ 8 00	$ 8 00	$ 28 00	$ 17 00
2	Bethlehem	6 00	6 00	3 00	3 00	9 00	9 00	6 00	6 00	15 00	15 00
3	Capon	2 00	3 25	3 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	3 50	8 00	16 00	23 07
4	Churchville { St. Peter's	2 00	2 00	3 00	3 00	4 00	4 00	2 50	2 50	6 00	6 00
	Churchville { Pleasant View.	2 00	2 00	3 00	1 00	4 00	4 00	5 00	5 00	8 00	6 50
5	Gravel Springs	7 00	. . .	6 00	6 00	10 00	10 00	15 00	15 00	65 00	50 80
6	Harrisonburg	3 00	1 00	3 00	2 00	5 00	3 00	2 75	2 00	18 00	9 00
7	Lebanon	2 00	. . .	3 00	3 00	4 00	4 00	5 00	5 00	22 00	22 00
8	Luray { Ebenezer	1 00	50	1 00	1 00	2 50	2 39	2 75	2 00	8 00	4 00
	Luray { St. Mark's	2 00	50	2 00	1 25	3 00	3 50	4 50	2 00	9 00	4 00
	Luray { Bethlehem	1 00	25	1 00	50	1 00	1 75	2 75	86	6 00	1 00
9	Madison { Pisgah	1 00	1 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 75	4 00	2 00	2 00
	Madison { Hebron	12 00	6 00	8 00	11 50	20 00	20 00	25 00	15 00	90 00	54 00
10	Mt. Jackson	4 00	9 00	7 50	12 00	17 00	8 50	20 00	2 23	87 00	46 67
11	Mason	2 00	. . .	3 00	. . .	8 00	. . .	7 50	. .	35 00	4 89
12	Middlebrook { Holy Trinity	2 00	. . .	3 75	3 75	5 00	5 00	5 00	. .	20 00	13 55
	Middlebrook { St. Mark	2 00	. . .	2 25	2 25	3 50	3 50	3 00	3 00	15 00	11 22
13	Mt. Tabor	8 00	. . .	6 00	8 65	14 00	5 40	15 00	15 00	65 00	41 46
14	New Market { St. Matthew.	5 00	. . .	4 00	. . .	14 00	14 00	9 00	5 00	45 00	30 60
	New Market { St. Mark	4 00	. . .	3 00	. . .	7 00	4 82	3 00	5 00	14 00	. . . .
	New Market { St. Martin	4 00	. . .	3 00	. . .	7 00	. . .	3 00	. .	14 00	. . . .
15	Newport News	2 00	2 00	3 00	3 00	7 00	7 00	5 00	5 00	8 00	8 00
16	Norfolk	2 00	2 00	3 00	3 00	8 00	18 00	7 00	7 00	20 00	20 00
17	North River	4 00	4 00	3 00	3 00	8 00	8 00	5 00	5 00	19 00	. . . .
18	Page—St. Peter's	2 00	. . .	3 00	. . .	3 50	. . .	3 00	. .	2 00	. . . .
19	Richmond	4 00	4 00	3 00	3 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	22 50	22 50
20	Rockingham	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	5 00	5 00	7 00	5 11	24 00	7 10
21	Shenandoah { Mt. Zion	2 00	. . .	3 00	3 00	4 00	. . .	3 00	. .	15 00	. . . .
	Shenandoah { St. Luke	1 00	. . .	2 00	. . .	3 00	1 50	2 00	2 00	10 00	. . . .
22	Shepherdstown { St. Peter	8 00	. . .	7 50	4 00	20 00	10 00	25 00	25 00	66 00	15 00
	Shepherdstown { St. James.	4 00	1 00	5 00	5 00	12 00	. . .	12 00	12 00	34 00	. . . .
23	Spring Val { Buena Vista	3 00	. . .	3 00	. . .	4 00	2 37	4 00	. .	10 00	1 50
	Spring Val { New Mt. Olive.	1 00	1 00	1 50	1 07	3 50	3 50	1 50	1 50	3 50	3 50
	Spring Val { Spring Valley.	1 00	. . .	1 50	. . .	3 50		1 50	1 50	3 50	. . . .
24	Salem	5 00	5 00	3 00	3 00	10 00	10 00	17 00	17 00	42 00	42 00
25	Staunton	7 00	7 00	8 00	8 00	20 00	20 00	20 00	20 00	70 00	70 00
26	Strasburg { St. Paul	1 50	1 50	4 00	4 00	14 00	14 00	12 00	12 00	30 00	30 00
	Strasburg { St. Peter.	1 50	1 50	4 00	4 00	14 00	14 00	10 00	10 00	25 00	25 00
27	Stephen's City { St. Paul	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	4 00	4 00	5 00	5 00	22 00	22 00
	Stephen's City { Trinity	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	3 50	3 50	7 00	7 00	20 00	20 00
28	Waynesboro	2 00	2 00	3 00	3 00	7 00	7 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00
29	Winchester	15 00	15 00	15 00	15 00	50 00	50 00	75 00	75 00	225 00	225 00
30	Woodstock	9 00	9 00	6 00	6 00	20 00	20 00	20 00	20 00	35 00	35 00
31	Zion-St. James	7 00	7 00	7 50	5 00	14 00	14 25	15 00	15 00	70 00	70 00
	Amt. on hand last year	. . .	2 25	. . .	60 04	. . .	11 74	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
	Totals	$164 00	$105 75	$169 50	$208 01	$398 00	$353 72	$421 00	$363 70	$1369 50	$ 984 36

of the Evang. Lutheran Church, for year ending August 20, 1903.

Index Number.	FOREIGN MISSIONS.		ORPHANS' HOME.		FURLOUGH FUND.		NEWPORT NEWS MISS.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.	ATLANTA CHURCH.	PASTORS' FUND.	TOTAL.
	Apportioned.	Received.	Apportioned.	Received.	Apportioned.	Received.	Received.	Received.	Received.	Received.	Received.
1	$ 18 00	$ 18 00	$ 7 00	$ 7 00	$ 3 00	$ 3 00	$ 5 00	$ 8 00	$ 11 00	$ 1 75	$ 91 75
2	8 00	8 00	4 00	4 00	3 00	3 00	. . .	6 00	. . .	. . .	60 00
3	10 00	15 00	5 00	10 00	3 00	. . .	5 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	79 32
4	6 00	6 00	2 00	2 00	3 00	3 00	. . .	2 00	2 60	. . .	33 10
	5 00	. . . .	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	24 50
5	50 00	56 79	25 00	59 22	4 00	6 00	. . .	27 00	26 00	11 20	268 01
6	10 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	3 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	2 50	27 50
7	10 00	10 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	5 00	5 73	1 00	63 73
8	5 00	4 50	2 50	1 50	1 00	50	1 50	. . .	5 00	1 00	23 89
	6 00	6 00	4 00	1 75	2 00	. . .	1 00	75	5 00	2 50	28 25
	4 00	1 50	2 00	75	1 00	. . .	71	. . .	5 00	1 45	13 77
	1 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	3 00	1 00	. . .	1 00	. . .	. . .	17 00
9	50 00	27 00	25 00	27 50	7 00	7 60	9 72	15 00	107 00	13 75	314 07
10	45 00	41 20	17 50	14 00	7 50	3 92	40 80	. . .	19 00	7 03	204 35
11	20 00	4 00	10 00	4 00	3 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	12 89
12	10 00	4 90	5 00	9 50	3 75	3 75	6 61	. . .	3 16	500 00	550 22
	10 00	10 00	2 50	2 50	2 25	2 25	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	34 72
13	40 00	40 00	15 00	15 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	6 50	5 00	. . .	152 01
14	20 00	23 70	5 00	22 62	4 00	. . .	. .	. . .	4 25	. . .	100 17
	10 00	. . . .	4 00	2 00	3 00	75	. . .	2 00	. . .	. . .	14 57
	10 00	. . . .	4 00	. . .	3 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
15	7 00	7 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	. . .	10 70	11 61	10 02	68 70
16	15 00	15 00	8 00	8 00	2 00	2 00	. . .	. . .	10 00	9 11	94 11
17	10 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	3 00	12 00	8 00	20 00	7 00	85 00
18	2 00	. . . .	1 00	. . .	3 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
19	7 00	7 00	7 00	7 00	2 50	2 50	5 00	15 00	23 00	19 00	124 00
20	15 00	5 75	7 50	7 50	2 50	2 50	3 00	3 00	5 50	6 47	56 93
21	18 00	. . . .	2 50	2 50	3 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	5 50
	7 00	. . . .	2 50	2 50	2 00	2 00	. . .	. . .	3 11	. . .	11 11
22	40 00	50 00	20 00	20 00	6 00	6 00	. . .	30 00	26 00	5 80	191 80
	20 00	15 00	10 00	10 00	4 00	4 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	2 73	49 73
	8 00	. . . .	3 00	. . .	2 00	. . .	5 00	2 00	10 00	2 43	23 30
23	3 50	. . . .	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	1 05	13 62
	3 50	. . . .	1 00	. . .	1 00	1 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	1 32	3 82
24	30 00	30 00	7 50	13 75	3 00	3 00	30 00	22 00	8 76	. .	184 51
25	40 00	61 00	20 00	22 00	8 00	8 00	. . .	20 00	25 00	14 97	275 97
26	18 00	18 00	7 50	25 00	3 00	3 00	. . .	15 00	40 00	12 20	199 70
	15 00	15 00	7 50	25 00	3 00	3 00	. . .	. . .	25 00	3 90	101 40
	10 00	10 00	2 50	2 50	2 00	2 00	. . .	5 00	6 25	2 19	62 94
27	12 00	12 00	5 00	8 00	1 00	1 00	. . .	10 00	7 00	6 00	77 50
28	4 00	4 00	3 00	6 36	3 00	3 00	. . .	6 00	6 00	4 65	52 01
29	1050 00	1050 00	55 00	55 00	10 00	10 00	. . .	100 00	163 29	11 79	1770 08
30	25 00	25 00	9 00	70 05	5 00	5 00	25 00	25 00	30 06	11 09	281 20
31	40 00	3 71	13 00	27 45	5 00	10 00	25 00	8 00	16 27	12 00	213 68
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	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	10 00	12 68	112 51
	$1748 00	$1622 05	$353 00	$515 95	$147 50	$119 77	$ 187 34	$ 352 32	$ 661 39	$ 698 58	$6172 94

* Southern Conference Virginia Synod, $15.80—Cline Bros., Culpeper.

EXPENDITURES MADE BY L. S. WALKER, TREASURER, FROM THE DIFFERENT FUNDS DURING THE SYNODICAL YEAR ENDING AUGUST 22, 1903.

FROM BENEFICARY EDUCATION FUND.

1902. DR.

Nov. 7. To amt. paid Harry Coffelt and 3 other dates . . . $ 100 00

CR.

Aug 22. By balance in Treasurer's hands . . . . . $ 108 01

FROM NEWPORT NEWS FUND.

1903. DR.

May 4. To amt. paid J. W. Eberly, Treas. United Synod . $ 187 34

FROM FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

1903. DR.

May 4. To amt. paid J. W. Eberly, Treas. United Synod . $1622 05

FROM FURLOUGH FUND.

1903. DR.

Jan. 3. To amt. paid J. W. Eberly, Treas. United Synod . $ 121 17

FROM HOME MISSION FUND.

1903. DR.

May 4. To amt. paid J. W. Eberly, Treas. United Synod . $ 984 36

FROM ORPHANAGE FUND.

1902. DR.

Dec. 29. To amt. paid Paul S. Davis, Treasurer . . . . . $ 515 95

FROM SPECIAL SYNODICAL HOME MISSION FUND AND FROM SUNDAY-SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS FOR SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS.

1902. DR.

Oct.	22.	To amt. paid C. M. Fox, bal. Capon, 1902	$ 25 00
Jan.	23.	To amt. paid C. M. Fox, bal. Capon, 1903	60 00
Oct.	31.	To amt. paid S. L. Keller, expenses Ex. Committee.	8 70
Nov.	8.	To amt. paid Geo. E. Shuey, Churchville	62 50
Nov.	12.	To amt. paid L. H. Helms, Treas., Waynesboro .	250 00
Dec.	1.	To amt. paid J. A. Boord, Shenandoah	37 50
1903.			
Jan.	29.	To amt. paid S. L. Keller, printing for Ex. Com .	1 75
Aug.	7.	To amt. paid Geo. E. Shuey, Harrisonburg, July and August	45 82
Aug.	13.	To amt. paid Peter Miller, North River	75 00
Aug.	21.	To amt. paid J. A. Huffard, Luray	21 00
			$ 587 27

CR.

Aug. 22. By amt. in Treasurer's hand . . . . . $ 118 77

FROM THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY FUND.

DR.

1903.			
Aug. 24.	To amt. paid C. M. Efird, Treasurer	$ 105	75

FROM SYNODICAL FUND.

DR.

1902.			
Sept.	To amt. paid Treasurer, overpaid last year	$ 15	40
Oct. 22.	To amt. paid L. L. Smith, Secretary, salary and expenses	28	00
Oct. 17.	To amt. paid Sexton at Staunton	5	00
Aug. 4.	To amt. paid Henkel & Co., printing Minutes, 1902.	93	83
Aug. 11.	To amt. paid C. M. Efird, Treasurer, interest on sum loaned, to August 7, 1903	120	00
Aug. 11.	To amt. paid L. S. Walker, Treas., salary	50	00
Aug. 11.	To amt. paid same for postage	6	00
Aug. 20.	To amt. paid A. D. R. Hancher, exp. spl. com	3	10
Aug. 20.	To amt. paid J. E. Shenk, exp. spl. com	3	00
		$ 324	33

CR.

Aug. 22.	By amt. in Treasurer's hands	$ 39	37

BALANCE ON HAND IN TREASURY.

Beneficiary Education Fund	$ 108	01
Special Synodical Home Mission Fund	118	77
Synodical Fund	39	37
	$ 266	15

RECEIPTS FOR 1902–1903, INCLUDING BALANCES ON HAND LAST YEAR.

Theological Seminary	$ 105	75
Beneficiary Education	208	01
Special Synodical Home Missions	353	72
Synodical Fund	363	70
Home Missions, United Synod	984	36
Foreign Missions	1622	05
Orphans Home	515	95
Furlough Fund for return R. B. Peery	121	17
Newport News	187	34
Sunday-Schools	352	32
Atlanta Church	661	39
Pastors' Fund	698	58
Total Receipts	$6174	34

The funds for Atlanta Church and the Pastors' Fund did not pass through the Treasurer's hand and only placed in the table at the request of many members of the Synod and for information of the Church.

EXPENDITURES FOR 1902–1903.

Theological Seminary	$ 105 75
Beneficiary Education	100 00
Special Synodical Home Missions and Sunday-Schools combined	587 27
Synodical Fund	324 33
Home Mission Fund, including amount for Atlanta Church	1645 75
Foreign Missions, which also include Fur. Fund	1743 22
Orphans Home	515 95
Newport News	187 34
Pastors' Fund, paid out and invested	698 58
(See report of Treas. Pastors' Fund.)	
Total expenditures	5 908 19
* Balance in Treasurer's hands	266 15
	$6174 34

Synodical Foreign Missionary Fund in 5 per cent. certificate of Shen. Co. B. & L. Assn. with interest paid to July 1, 1903, amounts to . . . . $ 221 37

Respectfully submitted,

L. S. WALKER, TREASURER.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

President—Rev. P. Miller.

Vice-President—Rev. E. L. Folk.

Secretary—Rev. L. L. Smith, D. D.

Treasurer—Mr. L. S. Walker.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The papers, placed in the hands of your committee, are as follows:

The regular dismissal of Rev. H. C. Haithcox, D. D., signed by the President of Northern Indiana Synod.

Rev. W. W. J. Ritchie, signed by the President of the North Carolina Synod.

Rev. George S. Bowers, signed by the President of the Maryland Synod.

Rev. Y. von A. Riser, signed by the President of the South Carolina Synod.

These brethren are hereby transferred to this Synod, and are cordially received. Signed, J. A. SNYDER,
W. J. SMITH,
J. M. SCHRECKHISE.

* The Treasurer inadvertently paid $1.40 too much on furlough fund, which explains discrepancy.

HOURS OF MEETING.

Resolved, That the Synod meet at 9 a. m. and continue until 11 a. m., and from 2 p. m. to 4 p. m.

BAR OF SYNOD.

Resolved, 1. That the first five pews of the church be constituted as the bar of Synod.

Resolved, 2. That no one shall be recognized by the President unless the speaker be within the bar of Synod.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. D. M. Gilbert, D. D.

SECOND SESSION.

Mt. Calvary Church, Mt. Jackson, Va.,
August 19, 1903—2 p. m.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. George S. Bowers. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

Resolved, That the funds given in response to the appeal by the Board of Missions for Atlanta be placed in the parochial table in the column for United Synod Home Missions.

The Report of the Executive Committee was read; and, after discussion, was recommitted to the Executive Committee.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

On motion, Dr. J. D. Dreher, President of Roanoke College; Revs. D. M. Gilbert, D. D., of Harrisburg, Pa.; J. L. Sibole, of Buffalo, N. Y.; E. L. Wessinger, of New Market, Va.; and M. G. G. Scherer, D. D., of Charleston, S. C., were received as advisory members of Synod.

On motion, Candidate W. C. Schaeffer, Jr., was invited to a seat within the bar of Synod.

The annual report of Roanoke College was read by President Dreher, as follows:

REPORT ON ROANOKE COLLEGE.

As my official connection with Roanoke College does not end until September 1st, it becomes my duty to submit to your Synod the following report:

It gives me pleasure to report that in most respects the 50th year of Roanoke College was very successful. The students made an unus-

ually good record for faithful work and good order. During the session the students themselves adopted the "honor system" with regard to examinations, the object being to abolish all unfair methods in passing examinations. They have also decided to abolish all forms of initiating new students. So little damage was done to college property during the year that the Faculty had the pleasure of returning to the students the entire amount of the contingent deposit.

The number of students enrolled last session was 152. Ten young men were graduated, representing seven States and Korea.

The moral and religious conditions were better last session than for several years. It is my firm conviction that greater efforts should be made to impress moral and religious truth on the students and to exercise more personal supervision over them, to the end that they may be developed in Christian character. The course of study prescribed for graduation provides for the regular study of the English Bible in the Freshman and Sophomore years, of Sacred History in the Junior year, and of Moral Philosophy, Christian Evidences, and the Bible as Literature in the Senior year. Important as all this regular classroom work is, it is nevertheless true that the religious life and character of the college will depend largely on the personal interest manifested by the members of the Faculty in the students.

The financial work for the past session was more than usually successful. By the death of Mr. Elijah Rudolph, of Frederick county, Virginia, the college will come into possession of property estimated to be worth about $6,000, bequeathed to Roanoke by Mr. Rudolph nearly twenty years ago. It is hoped that other members of your congregations will follow the good example set by him.

The friends of the college could not help feeling much satisfaction in the successful celebration of its Semi-Centennial, June 7–11. Such a celebration, however enjoyable to those participating, ought to show tangible results in increased interest in strengthening the institution for better work in the coming years. The enlargement and improvement of the three old buildings, undertaken by the graduates and ex-students of the college in commemoration of the Semi-Centennial, is well under way. The work on the main building will be completed in the fall, making it a three story structure, practically new with the exception of the walls of the first and second stories. It is to be hoped that the money will be raised to carry out the plan of connecting the buildings and improving the chapel and society halls next summer.

The souvenir volume, now in press, will contain a full account of the Semi-Centennial Celebration, embracing the historical address and nearly all of the other important addresses of the commencement week, and other matter of interest to friends of the college. It will be well illustrated. As the edition is limited, persons wishing copies

should not delay to send in their subscriptions. Price per copy, in paper covers, 50 cents ; in cloth, 75 cents.

The Semi-Centennial Catalogue of the Alumni of the College, just issued, shows that the total number of graduates is 520, of whom 458 are living. Of the graduates 150 are classified as clergymen ; 58 as teachers and superintendents of schools ; and 29 as college presidents and professors and principals of seminaries. As a number of ministers are included among professors and teachers the actual number of clergymen is 173, of whom 125 are in the Lutheran ministry. It will be observed that one-third of the graduates of Roanoke have entered the ministry, which may be regarded as a large proportion. It would be difficult, even if time permitted, to estimate the amount of work done by the graduates of Roanoke in all the professions and other vocations of life, or to estimate what they have done for the Lutheran church, North and South, as ministers and teachers. A still larger work has been done by more than 2,000 men who have taken a partial course at Roanoke. Of these 56 have entered the ministry of various denominations, of whom 16 are Lutheran clergymen. The small proportion of Lutherans in this list is to be attributed to the fact that our candidates for the ministry usually graduate at college before entering a theological seminary.

As is well known, the college has had a financial struggle during its half century of useful work. During all these years, but especially in the last twenty-eight years, it has received much help from friends in other denominations. But the time has now come when the two synods in Virginia should give the college the strongest possible support by raising money for it and sending students to it. It is not best for the church or the college that the main support of the latter should continue to come from friends in other churches. In the annual report submitted to the Board of Trustees, June 8th, I used the following language : "The more we do for an object the more we love it, and the more we are willing to do for it. I believe that the time has now come when the claims of the college to financial support from its natural or legitimate constituency must be pressed home on its friends in Virginia. When they rally to its support, it will be resting on the surest foundation for permanent success. To get such support, it seems to me, should be the aim of the trustees in the immediate future ; and the trustees themselves should set the example of aiding the college from year to year. Then the next president will feel strong in knowing that the men who put a burden on him are willing themselves to help to carry it, so far as they may be able."

While it is to be desired that the college should retain its general patronage in students and, to some extent, the financial aid of friends at a distance, it is of first importance that the two synods in Virginia

should come to its support as they have never done before. If the college should begin its second half century by securing its financial support mainly from its legitimate constituency, I feel confident that the number of students also would be thereby largely increased. The maintenance of your college should be recognized as your most important work for years to come. Regarding such support as of the highest importance to the permanent success of the college and believing that another man might be able to secure a more cordial and general co-operation in this work from professors, trustees, and the Virginia friends of Roanoke, I have reluctantly resigned the presidency of the college which I have held for twenty-five years. In submitting this my last report to your synod, permit me to assure you of my grateful appreciation of whatever you have done to support the college and of all your support to me personally. Knowing from experience how much my worthy successor will need your co-operation, I appeal to you to strengthen and encourage him in his arduous task by giving him at all times your cordial, united, and unwavering support. Only in this way will he be able to carry successfully the burden which he has assumed from a high sense of duty to the Lutherans of Virginia and the other friends of Roanoke throughout our country. I pray that God's richest blessings may attend him in his self-denying labors and you in your earnest efforts to make the college more and more useful to the cause of Christ, to our country, and to the world.

Respectfully submitted,

JULIUS D. DREHER.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following Standing Committees were announced by the President :

1. *President's Report.*—Revs. W. P. Huddle, A. M. Smith, and Mr. J. C. Utz.

2. *State of the Church.*—Revs. W. B. Oney, E. A. Aull, D. W. Files, Mr. D. H. Reed.

3. *Literary Institutions.*—Revs. E. A. Repass, S. L. Keller, W. H. Riser, Messrs. G. H. Snarr and M. W. Burk.

4. *Minutes of Last Synod.*—Revs. E. A. Shenk, J. W. Shuey, Mr. A. B. Obenshain.

5. *On Conferences.*—Revs. C. A. Marks, Y. von A. Riser, W. W. J. Ritchie, Messrs. J. M. Shaner and N. F. Snarr.

6. *Letters and Petitions.*—Revs. J. A. Huffard, H. C. Haithcox, J. E. Shenk, Messrs. J. C. Bowers and A. W. Kniple.

7. *Vacant Congregations.*—Revs. J. A. Snyder, D. D., J. E. Shenk, C. M. Fox, and Messrs. B. F. Houff and C. H. Cline.

8. *Appropriations and Apportionments.* — Revs. W. J. Smith, J. M. Schreckhise, G. E. Shuey, and Mr. Mayberry McKee.

9. *Treasurer's Report.*—Mr. C. W. Heater, Col. J. C. Baker, and Mr. I. N. Kagey.

10. *Secretary's Report.*—Rev. J. W. Strickler, Messrs. J. C. Henkel and Frank S. Bowman.

On motion, parochial reports were handed to the Secretary, and reports on the state of the church to the Committee on the State of the Church.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. H. C. Haithcox, D. D.

THIRD SESSION.

MT. CALVARY CHURCH, MT. JACKSON, VA.,
AUGUST 20, 1903—9 A. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. A. M. Smith. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

On motion, Rev. T. O. Keister, of the West Pennsylvania Synod, and Rev. C. E. Keller, of the East Ohio Synod, were received as advisory members.

On motion, Rev. H. Ditzler, of the Reformed church, was invited to a seat within the bar of Synod.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 7—VACANT CONGREGATIONS.

Your committee find vacant the following pastorates: Mt. Tabor, Buena Vista, Churchville, Shenandoah, Mason, Bethlehem, and Smithfield.

J. A. SNYDER,
J. E. SHENK,
C. M. FOX,
B. F. HOUFF,
C. H. CLINE.

The following report was read, considered by items, and adopted :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LURAY, HARRISONBURG, AND SHENANDOAH PASTORATES.

Your committee visited and canvassed these pastorates as charged by Synod. We are glad to report that we secured the services of Rev. James A. Huffard for the Luray pastorate, who entered upon the work the first of April. For the Harrisonburg pastorate, we secured Rev. George E. Shuey, who began his work July 1, 1903. The Shenandoah church has secured a pastor independent of the efforts of your committee. We do not know what synodical relation this congregation will hereafter sustain. In view of this fact, we deem it our duty to call the attention of Synod to this condition. The chairman of this committee was unfortunately detained from the work, and the visitation was made by the other members of the committee. The expenses of the committee were $6.10.

A. D. R. HANCHER,
J. E. SHENK.

The following report was read and adopted :

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 2—ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.

We, your committee, have examined the reports on the state of the church and find in them some encouraging as well as some very discouraging features. Many church members are very indifferent toward the work of the Master, especially in regard to a wider spreading of the faith of their beloved Zion. Pastors complain of the "time spirit" in the individual life.

1. The attendance at the sanctuary during the hours of worship is reported good.

2. Some Sunday-schools are doing good work in a systematic way ; while others are negligent, showing a lack of appreciation of the Divine Word, and the orderly teaching of the young.

3. The financial reports are generally very favorable. Some congregations are doing more than ever before in their history. Others that are able to be of a great blessing to the cause of the Gospel have failed to use the opportunities given. It is gratifying to find Norfolk free of debt, and promises soon to be self-sustaining.

4. One crying need of our churches is a more thorough indoctrination of the young. There is revealed a lack of method in this work. We do not follow our own honored and blessed customs, neither do we follow the methods of others.

5. Church property has been improved. Much more is needing improvement. Some congregations are contemplating building better houses of worship.

6. There is not a right appreciation of education, and especially higher education for our boys and girls. Love for the church of the Reformation and love for education are closely bound together.

7. Growing out of the above state of affairs, there is a deplorable dearth of good literature in the homes of our people. Education must come before there can be any appreciation of literature in the church. Very few take the church papers. Very few are interested enough to inform themselves on the wider usefulness of our church.

W. B. ONEY,
W. B. AULL,
D. W. FILES,
D. H. REED.

The following report was read and adopted; and, on motion, the committee discharged:

SCANDINAVIAN IMMIGRATION.

We, your Committee on Scandinavian Immigration, would submit the following report of the work done during the past year:

We met in Staunton, Va., on Nov. 10th. After talking the matter over thoroughly it was decided to enter into correspondence at once with prominent Scandinavians in this country—officers of Scandinavian synods and immigration agents—with the view of securing their interest and assistance. A considerable correspondence has established the following facts:

I. THE CURRENT OF IMMIGRATION IS WESTWARD.

Immigrants from Sweden either stop in the great manufacturing cities of the east, go to the mining regions, or move on to the vast agricultural west. It would be hard to break this current. But there are many Swedes in Pennsylvania and New York, and some of these could perhaps be induced to come a little further south.

II. THE FIRST IMMIGRANTS SECURED SHOULD BE AT LEAST PARTLY AMERICANIZED.

The beginnings of immigration will necessarily be small. We can not speak their language, and they must be able to speak the English and enter into our customs and life. These will be able later to interpret for their brethren of the old world and teach them our language and help to take care of them.

III. THE FIRST IMMIGRANTS SHOULD BE LANDOWNERS.

Wage-earners will go where wages are best. Promise of work only will not bring the Scandinavians to the Valley when those who are agriculturally inclined can secure a much larger compensation in the west. Most of our immigrant brethren who go to the farms do so with the idea of securing a home of their own, and one who has not

such an ambition is not a desirable immigrant. The neglected lands of Virginia are being bought up by northern and even western capitalists on account of their comparative cheapness, and when this is more largely known it will induce the immigrant with small means to settle here.

IV. WE SHOULD FIRST ESTABLISH A COLONY LARGELY OF ONE NATIONALITY.

Many immigration schemes have failed largely because a heterogeneous body of settlers has brought the feuds and jealousies of the old world and propagated them in the new. Immigrants of many types and from many sources become not so much dissatisfied with their surroundings as they become discouraged and lonely without their friends; and, hence, return with an evil report of the land. Establish a little Sweden or Germany in the Valley and from that as a center work out and extend your immigration idea. The colonists will then send for relatives from this country and the old world to join them and the problem will soon take care of itself.

V. THE PRESENT STATUS.

With the approval of Synod, we are ready to select some site for the location of such colony or settlement and provide employment and secure protection for the settlers. We are promised the influence and assistance of prominent men in securing the immigrants, and we feel assured that when we are ready for them they can be secured.

Respectfully submitted.

E. A. REPASS,
ABSALOM KOINER,
A. H. TOWBERMAN.

The following report was read, considered by items, and adopted:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 1—PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The report, placed in our hands, contains a full statement of the official acts of Revs. Freed and Miller for the year. It shows that they have discharged the duties of the office faithfully. There are but three items requiring the consideration of this body.

1. It is the judgment of your committee that the financial condition of the Synod will not warrant us in undertaking the support of a synodical missionary at this time. We recommend that a committee be appointed to consider the matter and report at the next meeting of Synod what can be done in the way of securing a suitable man and providing for his salary. Referred to the Executive Committee.

2. That Synod proceed to the election of delegates to represent it at

the next meeting of the United Synod, to be held in New Market, July, 1904.

3. That the congregations that have not paid their assessments in part or in full for our mission at Newport News, be urged through their pastors to make an effort to do so as soon as possible, and that one hundred dollars be added to the apportionment for Synodical Home Missions to make up any deficiency.

W. P. HUDDLE,
A. M. SMITH,
J. C. UTZ.

The following were elected delegates to the United Synod:

DELEGATES TO UNITED SYNOD.

CLERICAL.

PRINCIPAL.	ALTERNATE.
Rev. L. L. Smith, D. D.,	Rev. S. L. Keller,
" J. E. Shenk,	" W. H. Riser,
" E. L. Folk,	" C. A. Marks,
" W. J. Smith,	" E. A. Shenk,
" Peter Miller,	" W. P. Huddle,
" A. D. R. Hancher,	" Geo. S. Bowers,
" H. C. Haithcox, D. D.	" J. W. Strickler.

A communication was presented from the Secretary of the Sunday-school Convention, calling the attention of Synod to the fact that the Sunday-school Convention was without a President and other items; and, on motion, the communication was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. E. A. Shenk, W. P. Huddle, and Mr. J. Rufus Zirkle.

Pending the election of lay-delegates, Synod adjourned. Prayer by Rev. J. W. Strickler.

FOURTH SESSION.

MT. CALVARY CHURCH, MT. JACKSON, VA.,
AUGUST 20, 1903—2 P. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. D. W. Files. Roll called. Minutes read and adopted.

On motion, Rev. J. L. Deaton, of the Tennessee Synod, was received as an advisory member of Synod, and Mr.

Chas. J. Smith, Candidate of Theology, was invited to a seat within the bar of Synod.

On motion, at the request of the Secretary, Rev. J. A. Huffard was appointed Assistant Secretary.

The following lay delegates were elected :

LAY DELEGATES TO THE UNITED SYNOD.

LAY DELEGATES.

PRINCIPAL.	ALTERNATE.
J. E. Cooper,	Henry Heishman,
J. M. Snapp,	J. C. Utz,
C. W. Heater,	G. W. Koiner,
L. S. Walker,	G. M. Beltzhoover,
J. A. Alexander,	R. J. Walker,
Frank Clemmer,	N. F. Snarr,
M. W. Burk.	S. B. Harper.

The following report was read and adopted :

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON QUESTIONABLE WORLDLINESS.

Your committee, appointed to prepare an address to the churches, warning our people of the soul-destroying dangers of social evils which environ and threaten them, beg leave to recommend to our pastors and people the reading of a little booklet, entitled "Popular Amusements and the Christian Life," by Rev. Perry Wayland Sinks, which may be procured from the Bible Institute Colportage Association, 250 La Salle Avenue, Chicago, Ill., where will be found a conservative, logical, and biblical presentation of the aforesaid evils.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. SHENK,
E. L. FOLK,
J. A. SNYDER.

The following report was read and adopted :

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 10—ON SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Your committee have examined the Secretary's Report :

1. We recommend the Secretary return the thanks of this body to the General Passenger Agents of the B. & O. and Southern Railways for reduced rates to this meeting of Synod.

2. That the Treasurer pay the Secretary $3 for the expenses of his office.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STRICKLER,
J. C. HENKEL,
F. S. BOWMAN.

The following report was read and adopted:

SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONVENTION.

We, your committee to whom was referred the paper coming from the Secretary of the Synodical Sunday-school Convention relative to that organization, have examined the said paper, and the following is the result of such examination: We regret that the annual session was allowed to go by default, and see no reason why, even though the President removed from our bounds, the Vice-Presidents might not have performed the functions of the office which really devolved upon them in his absence.

We recommend that the present officers, consisting of two Vice-Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer, select a President, and that they together arrange for a meeting of the convention, to be held at a convenient time next summer.

E. A. SHENK,
W. P. HUDDLE,
J. RUFUS ZIRKLE.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PASTORS' FUND SOCIETY OF THE VIRGINIA SYNOD.

We, the Trustees of the organization, to be known as the Pastors' Fund Society, chosen at the meeting of the Virginia Synod in Staunton, October, 1903, beg leave to report as follows:

On January 15, 1903, an organization was effected at the home of C. W. Heater by the election of Rev. L. L. Smith, President; E. L. Folk, Secretary; and C. W. Heater, Treasurer.

The President, Rev. L. L. Smith, was authorized by the Society to secure from the 12th Judicial Circuit of Virginia the charter necessary to the incorporation of the Society. This charter was in due time secured, and a copy of the same is incorporated in this report.

To the Hon. T. W. Harrison, Judge of the 12th Judicial Circuit Court of the State of Virginia:

L. L. Smith, E. L. Folk, W. J. Smith, C. W. Heater, and J. E. Cooper respectfully make application to your Honor for the organization of a company whose object is purely benevolent, and accordingly make and sign the following application:

First. The name of the company shall be, "The Pastors' Fund Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia."

Second. The purposes for which the company is formed are purely benevolent, and will be in connection with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia. It will devise ways and means for the purpose of raising funds for the support of the disabled and superannuated ministers, and their widows or children, of the Evangelical Lutheran

Synod of Virginia, and for such purposes will receive and collect by gift, loans, grant, devise or bequests, or other lawful means, property real, personal, or *mixed*.

Third. It being a company whose object is purely benevolent, its capital stock shall be one dollar ($1).

Fourth. The quantity of real estate to be held shall be not more than twenty thousand acres.

Fifth. The place of the principal office shall be in Strasburg, Shenandoah county, Virginia.

Sixth. The chief business to be transacted shall be devising ways and means of raising funds for and towards the relief and support of indigent, disabled, and superannuated ministers of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia, their widows or children, and collecting and receiving by gift, loan, grant, devise or other legal manner, property real, personal, and mixed, for the purposes aforesaid, as aid to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia, in undertaking and carrying on the work of the support of its disabled and superannuated ministers, their widows, or children.

Seventh. The names and residences of the officers who for the first year shall manage the affairs of the company shall be: L. L. Smith, President and Director, Strasburg, Va.; J. E. Cooper, Vice-President and Director, Winchester, Va.; E. L. Folk, Secretary and Director, Mount Jackson, Va.; C. W. Heater, Treasurer and Director, Middletown, Va.; and W. J. Smith, Director, Bloom, Va.

Witness our hands and seals this 11th day of February, 1903.

L. L. SMITH, [SEAL].
E. L. FOLK, [SEAL].
C. W. HEATER, [SEAL].
J. E. COOPER, [SEAL].
W. J. SMITH, [SEAL].

State of Virginia, Shenandoah County, towit:

I, H. C. Burgess, a Notary Public, in and for the county of Shenandoah, State of Virginia, do hereby certify that L. L. Smith, whose name is signed to the foregoing writing, bearing date of the 11th of February, 1903, personally appeared before me and acknowledged the same in my county aforesaid.

Given under my hand this 16th day of February, 1903.

H. C. BURGESS, N. P.

My commission expires June 10, 1903.

State of Virginia, County of Shenandoah, towit:

I, M. L. Neff, a Notary Public, in and for the county of Shenandoah, State of Virginia, do hereby certify that E. L. Folk, whose name is signed to the foregoing writing, bearing date on the 11th day of

February, 1903, personally appeared before me and acknowledged the same in my county aforesaid.

Given under my hand this 18th day of February, 1903.

M. L. NEFF, N. P.

My commission expires October 29, 1904.

State of Virginia, City of Winchester, towit:

I, John W. Rice, a Notary Public, in and for the city of Winchester, State of Virginia, do certify that J. E. Cooper, whose name is signed to the foregoing writing bearing date on the 11th of February, 1903, personally appeared before me in my county aforesaid and acknowledged the same.

Given under my hand this 24th day of February, 1903.

JOHN W. RICE, N. P.

My commission expires January 9, 1906.

State of Virginia, City of Winchester, towit:

I, John W. Rice, a Notary Public, in and for the city of Winchester, State of Virginia, do hereby certify that W. J. Smith, whose name is signed to the foregoing writing, bearing date on the 11th day of February, 1903, personally appeared before me in my county aforesaid and acknowledged the same.

Given under my hand this 24th day of February, 1903.

JOHN W. RICE, N. P.

My commission expires January 9, 1903.

State of Virginia, Frederick County, towit:

I, G. W. Larrick, a Notary Public, in and for the county of Frederick, State of Virginia, do hereby certify that C. W. Heater, whose name is signed to the foregoing writing, bearing date on the 11th day of February, 1903, personally appeared before me in my county aforesaid and acknowledged the same.

Given under my hand this 25th day of February, 1903.

G. W. LARRICK, N. P.

My commission expires April 30, 1904.

WHEREAS, L. L. Smith, E. L. Folk, C. W. Heater, J. E. Cooper, and W. J. Smith have presented to the Judge of this Court a certificate in writing, made, signed, and acknowledged, and authenticated in strict conformity to statute in such cases, made and provided;

Now, Therefore, I, T. W. Harrison, Judge of the Circuit Court of the 12th Judicial Circuit of Virginia, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the laws of the State of Virginia, do hereby order and decree that the above named parties, L. L. Smith, E. L. Folk, C. W. Heater, J. E. Cooper, and W. J. Smith, and such other persons as may hereafter be associated with them, and their successors and assigns, be, and they are hereby created, constituted, and declared a body corporate and politic under the name and style of "The Pastors' Fund

Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia," and by that name shall have perpetual succession, may sue and be sued, may have, make, and obtain a common seal, may make such by-laws and regulations as they may deem proper and necessary for their government, the same not to be in conflict with the laws of Virginia, or of the United States; to have all the rights, privileges, and liabilities of corporations under the State of Virginia.

It is further adjudged, ordered, and decreed, as follows, towit:

I.

That the said company shall have the right to devise ways and means of raising funds, and acquiring property, real, personal, and mixed, to be used for the support of disabled and superannuated ministers of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia, their widows or children; to take, hold all such estate aforesaid as may be acquired by gift, purchase, grant, devise, or bequest, or other lawful means, for the purposes of said company, and do anything in relation to the subjects mentioned that a private individual might do.

II.

That the object of the company being purely benevolent, its capital stock shall be One Dollar.

III.

That the real estate to be held by said company at any one time shall not exceed 20,000 acres.

IV.

That the place of the principal office of said company, where its principal business shall be transacted, shall be at Strasburg, Va.

V.

That the chief business to be transacted by the said company, shall be the raising and receiving of funds and in general acquiring by gift, grant, devise or bequest property of all kinds, to be used for, disposed of, and applied for the support of disabled and superannuated ministers of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia, and their widows or children, the said funds and property to be held, used, and disposed of, and applied according to the directions of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia, for the support as aforesaid, of disabled and superannuated ministers of said Synod, and their widows or children.

VI.

That the names and residences of the officers who shall manage the affairs of the company for the first year are as follows:

L. L. Smith, President and Director, Strasburg, Virginia.

C. W. Heater, Treasurer and Director, Middletown, Virginia.

J. E. Cooper, Vice-President and Director, Winchester, Virginia.

E. L. Folk, Secretary and Director, Mt. Jackson, Virginia.

W. J. Smith, Director, Bloom, Virginia.

VII.

The said company shall have power to make and adopt by-laws, rules, and regulations for the admission and expulsion of members, for their government, the election of its officers, and to define their duties, and for the safe keeping and protection of its property and funds, and from time to time to alter and repeal such by-laws, rules, or regulations; all property of which the said company may become seised or possessed, shall be used and disposed of, granted and applied according to the directions of the Synod aforesaid, for the purposes in the charter set forth, as aid to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia in undertaking and carrying on the work of support for its disabled and superannuated ministers, their widows or children.

VIII.

That the officers of said company shall consist of president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and at least five directors, and not more than ten, including the president, who shall be ex-officio a director, any two of which offices may be held by one and the same person. The Board of Directors shall have authority to appoint such other officers and agents as it shall deem best for the interests of the company, and the company may invest in its Board of Directors such further powers and authority as it is lawful to do.

Given under my hand as Judge of the 12th Judicial Circuit of Virginia, this 24th day of February, 1903.

T. W. HARRISON,
Judge of the 12th Judicial Circuit of Virginia.

In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Shenandoah County, Virginia:

This is to certify that the foregoing charter of "The Pastors' Fund Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia" was this day presented at this office for recordation and was duly recorded, and is hereby certified to the Secretary of the Commonwealth for recordation in his office.

Given under my hand this 26th day of February, 1903.

G. HARRY HAUN, C. C. C. S. C.

A copy—teste: G. HARRY HAUN, C. C. C. S. C.

A resolution of thanks is due and hereby extended to Judge F. S. Tavenner for drawing the charter and to Mr. Haun, Circuit Clerk of Shenandoah county, for recording and copying the same free of charge.

Special mention is hereby made and our hearty thanks expressed to Mr. J. Frank Clemmer, of Holy Trinity, Middlebrook, for the generous donation of $500 to the Society, which fund has been invested in Charleston (S. C.) city coupon bonds at 4 per cent. as the beginning of a permanent fund. The amounts received during the ten months from other sources will appear in the Treasurer's account, which is appended to this report.

The Secretary, by order of the Society, secured and sent out to each pastor and pastorate suitable blanks with statements of the amounts due by the assessment of Synod, and it is to be hoped there has been a liberal and general response and that others may be influenced by Mr. Clemmer's liberality to donate large amounts to this worthy cause.

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. SMITH,
E. L. FOLK,
W. J. SMITH,
J. E. COOPER,
C. W. HEATER.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the assessment for Pastors' Fund be 3 cents per capita on the communicant membership of Synod, 1 per cent. on salary of each minister receiving $600 or over, and ½ of 1 per cent. on salaries under $600.

The Treasurer submitted the following report:

REPORT OF TREASURER OF PASTORS' FUND SOCIETY.

Amounts received by Charles W. Heater, Treasurer of the Pastors' Fund Society.

BETHANY.—From Rev. J. W. Shuey . . . . . $ 1 75

BUENA VISTA.—From Rev. W. B. Aull, $1.50; Trinity church, .93; New Mt. Olive, $1.05; Spring Valley, $1.32 . . . . $ 4 80

HARRISONBURG.—From Rev. G. E. Shuey . . . . . $ 2 50

GRAVEL SPRINGS.—From Rev. W. J. Smith, $6; Gravel Springs pastorate, $5.20. . . . . $ 11 20

LEBANON.—From Rev. A. M. Smith . . . . . $ 1 00

LURAY.—From Rev. J. A. Huffard, $2.50; Luray pastorate, $2.45 . . . . . $ 4 95

MADISON.—From Rev. W. P. Huddle, $6.25; Madison pastorate, $7.50 . . . . . $ 13 75

MT. JACKSON.—From Mt. Calvary, $2.95; Bethel, $2.56; St. James, $1.52 . . . . . $ 7 03

NEWPORT NEWS.—From Rev. E. A. Shenk, $7.50; Trinity, $2.52 . . . . . $ 10 02

NORFOLK.—From Rev. W. H. Riser, $5; First Lutheran church, $4.11 . . . . . $ 9 11

NORTH RIVER.—From Rev. P. Miller, $1.75; North River pastorate, $5.25 . . . . . $ 7 00

RICHMOND.—From Rev. C. A. Marks, $9; First church, $10. . $ 19 00

ROCKINGHAM.—From Rev. W. B. Oney, $2; Frieden's, $2.07; St. John's, $1.77; Trinity, .63 . . . . . $ 6 47

SHEPHERDSTOWN.—St. Peter's, $5.80; St. James, $2.73 . . . $ 8 53

STAUNTON.—From Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, $9; Christ church, $5.97 . . . . . $ 14 97

STEPHEN'S CITY.—From Rev. J. W. Strickler, $2.13; Trinity, $3.87; St. Paul's, $2.19 . . . . . $ 8 19

STRASBURG.—From Rev. L. L. Smith, $6.50; St. Paul's, $5.70; St. Peter's, $3.90 . . . . . $ 16 10

WAYNESBORO.—From Rev. Y. von A. Riser, $3; Grace, $1.65; $ 4 65

WINCHESTER.—From Grace . . . . . $ 11 79

WOODSTOCK.—From Rev. J. E. Shenk, $6.50; Emmanuel, $4.59 . . . . . $ 11 09

ZION–ST. JAMES.—From Rev. S. L. Keller, $5; Zion and St. James, $7 . . . . . $ 12 00

Total amount paid by pastors . . . . . $ 78 88

Total amount paid by pastorates 104 02

$182 90

1903. RECEIPTS.

March 1.	From J. Frank Clemmer in trust, the interest to be used annually	$ 500 00
April 13.	From Rev. S. L. Keller, $5; Zion–St. James, $7 .	12 00
April 15.	From Grace church, Winchester	11 79
April 16.	From Christ church, Staunton	5 97
May 14.	From Rev. A. D. R. Hancher	9 00
May 21.	From Rev. W. P. Huddle	6 25
May 21.	From Hebron and Mt. Pisgah	7 50
June 11.	From First church, Richmond	10 00
June 22.	From First church, Norfolk	4 11
June 22.	From Rev. W. H. Riser	5 00
July 1.	From St. Peter's, Tom's Brook	3 90
July 7.	From Rev. J. A. Huffard	2 50
July 15.	From Rev. E. A. Shenk, $7.50; Trinity, Newport News, $2.52	10 02
July 15.	Interest on bond	10 00
July 15.	Interest on deposits	2 68
July 31.	From Rev. P. Miller, $1.75; North River pastorate, $5.25	7 00
July 31.	From Rev. W. B. Aull, $1.50; Buena Vista pastorate, $3.30	4 80
July 31.	From Rev. W. B. Oney, $2; Rockingham pastorate, $4.47	6 47
July 31.	From St. Paul's, Strasburg	5 70
Aug. 6.	From St. Peter's, Shepherdstown, and St. James	8 53

Aug. 13.	From Rev. C. A. Marks	$ 9 00
Aug. 17.	From Rev. J. W. Strickler	2 13
Aug. 17.	From Stephen's City pastorate	6 06
Aug. 20.	From Rev. A. M. Smith	1 00
Aug. 20.	From Rev. W. J. Smith	6 00
Aug. 20.	From Gravel Springs pastorate	5 20
Aug. 20.	From Rev. J. E. Shenk	6 50
Aug. 20.	From Emmanuel's, Woodstock	4 59
Aug. 20.	From Rev. L. L. Smith	6 50
Aug. 20.	From Mt. Jackson pastorate	7 03
Aug. 20.	From Waynesboro pastorate	1 65
Aug. 20.	From Rev. Y. von A. Riser	3 00
Aug. 20.	From Luray pastorate	2 45
Aug. 20.	From Rev. G. E. Shuey	2 50
Aug. 20.	From Rev. J. W. Shuey	1 75
	Total	$698 58

1903. DISBURSEMENTS.

March 1.	To Treasurer's book	$ 1 25
March 1.	To Charleston City bond, No. 59	505 00
	To Secretary Commonwealth for recording charter	3 00
Aug. 20.	To Rev. L. L. Smith, expenses	2 10
Aug. 20.	To Rev. E. L. Folk, expenses	4 00
Aug. 20.	To cash in bank	183 23
		$698 58

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. W. HEATER, TREAS. P. F. S.

Report on Literary Institutions was made the first order of regular business tomorrow morning, and Dr. J. A. Morehead and Dr. M. G. G. Scherer were requested to make addresses.

On motion, it was ordered that the sum of twenty-one dollars be paid by Treasurer of Synod to Luray pastorate from home mission fund, the same having been provided by Executive Committee.

Emmanuel church, Woodstock, was unanimously selected as the place for the next meeting of Synod, and Tuesday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1904, was selected as the time.

It was ordered that the Treasurer's books be closed ten days before the meeting of next Synod.

On motion, it was resolved that officers of Synod and pastor loci of Emmanuel Lutheran church, Woodstock, Va., be constituted a committee on program for jubilee exercises in connection with next year's seventy-fifth synodical convention.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. P. Huddle.

FIFTH SESSION.

Mt. Calvary Church, Mt. Jackson, Va.,
August 21, 1903—9 A. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. J. M. Shreckhise.

On motion, Revs. Keller, Folk, and Mr. J. S. C. Murphy were appointed a Committee on Leave of Absence.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The Secretary was ordered to have fifteen hundred copies of Minutes printed and distributed.

The Report of the Committee on Literary Institutions was read, and considered by items.

Synod adjourned, pending consideration of item 3 of report.

Prayer by Rev. J. W. Shuey.

SIXTH SESSION.

Mt. Calvary Church, Mt. Jackson, Va.,
August 21, 1903—2 P. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. W. B. Aull. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

The following committee was appointed to nominate an Executive Committee: Rev. E. A. Shenk, Rev. C. M. Fox, and Mr. M. McKee.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TREASURER'S REPORT.

We, your committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's books, beg leave to submit the following report: We have examined the Treasurer's books and vouchers, and find them strictly correct.

J. C. BAKER,
N. I. KAGEY,
C. W. HEATER.

The following appointments were made by the President for next year:

Examining Committee: Revs. J. A. Snyder, D. D., W. J. Smith, J. M. Shreckhise, and J. A. Morehead, D. D.

SPEAKERS.

Ordination—Rev. W. P. Huddle.
Education—Rev. H. C. Haithcox, D. D.
Missions—Rev J. W. Shuey.

The Synod resumed the consideration of the Report on Literary Institutions; and, after amendments, was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON LITERARY INSTITUTIONS.

Two reports have been submitted for the consideration of your committee.

I. REPORT ON ROANOKE COLLEGE.

We note with pleasure the successful and satisfactory work done at Roanoke College during the past year, as shown by Dr. Dreher's report. Especially are we pleased with the reforms established by the student body itself. The Semi-Centennial Celebration was highly gratifying and most encouraging.

While pledging entire loyalty and most hearty support to the president-elect, the committee most profoundly regrets the severance of the close and most pleasant relations sustained by the retiring President, Dr. Dreher, to the Synod, and would recommend that the Synod put upon record its appreciation of the conscientious and faithful service so cheerfully rendered to the church during the last quarter of a century. And we reciprocate most heartily his kind feeling for us and share his interest in and best wishes for Roanoke College. New conditions demand that we sustain a closer relation to the college. We further recommend:

ROANOKE COLLEGE DAY.

WHEREAS, We have heard of the needs of Roanoke College with deep interest; and

WHEREAS, We feel our responsibility in the matter; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we as a Synod do endeavor during the coming year to raise for Roanoke College the sum of five hundred dollars.

Resolved, 2. That this Synod set apart the last Sunday in January of each year as Roanoke College Day.

Resolved, 3. That we as pastors pledge ourselves to observe this Sunday as such, or a Sunday as near thereto as convenient, and present to all of our congregations the needs and claims of our college and appeal to them for their aid.

Resolved, 4. That a committee of three be appointed to call the attention of all our pastors to this matter at the proper time, and render them any aid they may need.

2. That the authorities of the college be called upon to formulate plans, as soon as practicable, for the more adequate endowment of the college.

3. That, as a matter of church work, we endeavor to send students to the college from all congregations, that we may have more efficient laymen and more students for the ministry.

II. REPORT ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT CHARLESTON.

Twelve students are reported from six District Synods and five States. Most of the undergraduates are doing supply work for the church during vacation. One of these, W. C. Schaeffer, Jr., has been assisting Dr. Snyder very acceptably. The Seminary now has about $29,000 well invested. The professor's home, valued at $4,000, is equivalent to endowment. The outlook for students for the coming session is unusually good. We recommend :

1. That the Synod express renewed interest in the Seminary and encourage theological students to go to Charleston.

2. That the Synod continue its appropriation to the Seminary to the amount of $150 for this year.

E. A. REPASS,
W. H. RISER,
S. L. KELLER,
G. H. SNARR,
M. W. BURK.

Committee on Subject of Collections for Roanoke College and College Day : Revs. W. J. Smith, G. S. Bowers, and Mr. J. E. Cooper.

The following report was read and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES.

Your committee to report on Conferences beg to present the following : We have been informed by the secretaries that each conference held two meetings during the year. Subjects of interest and importance were discussed and the Word preached to appreciative congre-

gations. We find nothing of such general interest as to demand presentation here except perhaps the following, found in the Minutes of the Potomac Conference :

Resolved, That the Secretary officially send the resolution of Virginia Synod to the President of the Virginia Conference of the Tennessee Synod, and renew the invitation for that conference to meet with us at our next convention.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. MARKS,
W. W. J. RITCHIE,
Y. VON A. RISER,
JACOB H. SHANER.

The following report was read and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

We, your committee, beg to report the following :

1. A communication from Capon pastorate, referred to Executive Committee.

2. A letter from Rev. A. A. J. Bushong and Rev. H. F. Scheele, asking to be excused from attendance upon this session of Synod and giving satisfactory reasons. We recommend that they be excused.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HUFFARD,
H. C. HAITHCOX,
J. E. SHENK,
J. C. BOWERS,
A. W. KNIPLE.

The report of the Executive Committee was received, considered by items, and pending its consideration, Synod adjourned. Benediction by President.

SEVENTH SESSION.

MT. CALVARY CHURCH, MT. JACKSON, VA.,
AUGUST 22, 1903—9 A. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. R. B. Peery, Ph. D. Roll called and minutes read and approved.

The Report of the Executive Committee was further considered and finally adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Immediately after the adjournment of Synod the Executive Committee was called together and organized with the continuance of Rev. S. L. Keller as chairman and the election of Rev. A. D. R. Hancher as secretary.

THE COVINGTON MISSION.

With reference to the work at Covington, Va., your committee, after securing a suitable place for worship, entered into an agreement to provide preaching on the 3d Sunday of every month. This obligation has been fulfilled with but a single exception during the past year. Owing to some default in the payment of expenses incurred and the onerous duties upon those obligated, the last service was recalled. We have nothing very different to report with reference to this work from what was reported last year. Some have come and others have removed to other points, which leaves the number about the same and the work in statu quo.

VACANCIES.

Earnest efforts have been made during the year to fill the several vacancies existing in our mission work, but comparatively little has been accomplished. But one of our mission points has been supplied, and that one at the expense of another, leaving the number of vacancies the same with which the year began. The Churchville and Shenandoah pastorates are still vacant, and will require some special attention and consideration at this session of Synod.

SYNODICAL MISSIONS.

Very few reports have reached us from the Capon pastorate, and hence we are not sufficiently informed as to the real progress that has been made in this mission. A letter has been addressed to the committee by the pastor requesting advice as to propriety of dropping one of the points in connection with this pastorate.

Very gratifying reports have been received during the year from North River pastorate in charge of our worthy and esteemed president. A letter has been received from the pastor and one also from a special committee representing the pastorate, in which they have declared themselves self-sustaining. The same letter makes very grateful acknowledgment for the financial aid received from this Synod from year to year.

Certainly much praise is due both pastor and people for the untiring and self-sacrificing efforts which they have made in bringing this work up to its present standing and promising condition.

Our Waynesboro mission has offered a bright outlook from the very beginning. Although it has suffered some reverses incident to mission work during the year, it is notwithstanding these reverses de-

veloping into a healthy and substantial congregation. It is taking on new and stronger life under the very skillful, faithful, and energetic leadership of its present pastor, the Rev. Y. von A. Riser. We bespeak the hearty and substantial support of the Synod to this work for the ensuing year.

We are more than glad to report that by the aid of the special committee, appointed at the last session of Synod, the Harrisonburg and Luray pastorates have again been supplied with the regular ministration of the Word and Sacrament. The success of the work in these two important and growing centers is assured in the persons of those having the work in hand.

APPLICATION FOR AID.

Application for aid has been made for the second time by Mr. B. F. Landes, of Lexington, Va., for the purpose of prosecuting his studies preparatory to entering upon the ministry. In the absence of one of the ministers of the Executive Committee and the providential disability of another, a preliminary examination of Bro. Landes was held at the Lutheran parsonage, Waynesboro, Va., and later in Grace Lutheran church, Waynesboro, Va., before two other ministers of our church. Following these, a meeting of the remaining members of the Executive Committee was called in Staunton, Va., where the case was fully considered and passed upon. In point of character and present qualifications the examination of Candidate Landes proved entirely satisfactory. By motion, made in same meeting of Executive Committee, Aug. 4, 1903, the application for $100 to aid him in pursuing his studies for the ensuing year was granted. And, Student Landes has been informed of the same.

BENEFICIARY.

The reports of Beneficiary H. F. Coffelt have not as yet come to hand for the past year. We have understood, however, that he has made commendable progress during the past year.

APPLICATIONS FOR AID.

Applications for aid have been made by Beneficiaries H. F. Coffelt and B. F. Landes for the amount of $100 each for the ensuing year.

The following mission pastorates of the synod have applied for aid to supplement the salary of the pastors in charge of Harrisonburg, Luray, Waynesboro, Shenandoah, Churchville, Capon and Bethlehem.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. We recommend that the Covington mission and adjoining mission points be referred to the Executive Committee to be disposed of according to their wisdom.

2. We further recommend that aid to the amount of $100 each be given to Beneficiaries H. F. Coffelt and B. F. Landes to pursue their studies at Roanoke College.

3. We also recommend that the following points be supplemented from the Synodical Home Mission Fund as follows: Harrisonburg, $275; Shenandoah pastorate, $50; Churchville, $73; Capon, $80.

4. We recommend that the expenses incurred by the committee during the year, amouning to $5, be paid out of the funds of synod.

Respectfully submitted.

S. L. KELLER,
J. A. HUFFARD,
A. D. R. HANCHER,
J. F. BOWMAN,
J. A. WISE.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the judgment of this Synod that Grace church, Waynesboro, and Bethlehem congregation should unite in a pastorate and be served by the same pastor; and, in order that this may be consummated, the Executive Committee in connection with the President of the Southern Conference are hereby directed to have a meeting of the councils of these churches and urge this upon them, in order to relieve Synod of the burden of their support.

Rev. E. L. Folk, Rev. W. J. Smith, Rev. G. S. Bowers, and Messrs. Hugh Green and G. H. Snarr were appointed Executive Committee for ensuing year.

Ten dollars was ordered paid the janitor of the church for his services during Synod.

The following report was adopted:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 4—MINUTES OF LAST SYNOD.

We, your Committee on Minutes of Last Synod, find nothing requiring the attention of this body.

E. A. SHENK.
J. W. SHUEY.

Committee on parochial blanks was continued.

The following was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we as a Synod express our hearty appreciation of the hospitable manner in which we have been entertained by the people of Mt. Jackson and the surrounding community, and especially our appreciation of the large attendance on all our business sessions and religious services.

The Committee on Apportionment rendered the following which was adopted:

APPORTIONMENTS.

PASTORATE.	Theo. Seminary.	Bene. Education.	Spe. Synodical Home Mission Fund.	Synodical Fund.	Home Missions for United Synod.	Foreign Missions.	Orphan Home.
Bethany	$ 3 00	$ 3 00	$ 7 00	$ 8 00	$ 28 00	$ 18 00	$ 7 00
Bethlehem	5 00	3 00	8 00	5 00	14 00	7 00	3 00
Capon	2 00	3 00	5 00	3 50	16 00	10 00	5 00
Churchville — St. Peter's	2 00	3 00	4 00	2 50	6 00	6 00	2 00
Churchville — Pleasant View.	2 00	3 00	4 00	5 00	8 00	5 00	3 00
Gravel Springs	7 00	6 00	10 00	15 00	65 00	50 00	25 00
Harrisonburg	3 00	3 00	5 00	2 75	18 00	10 00	5 00
Lebanon	2 00	3 00	4 00	5 00	22 00	10 00	3 00
Luray — Ebenezer	1 00	1 00	2 50	2 75	8 00	5 00	2 50
Luray — St. Mark's	2 00	2 00	3 00	4 50	9 00	6 00	4 00
Luray — Bethlehem	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 75	6 00	4 00	2 00
Madison — Pisgah	1 00	3 00	2 00	2 75	2 00	1 00	1 00
Madison — Hebron	12 00	8 00	20 00	25 00	90 00	50 00	25 00
Mt. Jackson	4 00	7 50	17 00	20 00	87 00	45 00	17 50
Mason	2 00	3 00	8 00	7 50	35 00	20 00	10 00
Middlebrook — Holy Trinity	2 00	3 75	5 00	5 00	20 00	10 00	5 00
Middlebrook — St. Mark's	2 00	2 25	3 50	3 00	15 00	10 00	2 50
Mt. Tabor	8 00	6 00	14 00	15 00	65 00	40 00	15 00
New Market — St. Matthew.	5 00	4 00	14 00	9 00	45 00	20 00	5 00
New Market — St. Mark	4 00	3 00	7 00	3 00	14 00	10 00	4 00
New Market — St. Martin	4 00	3 00	7 00	3 00	14 00	10 00	4 00
Newport News	2 00	3 00	7 00	5 00	8 00	7 00	3 00
Norfolk	2 00	3 00	8 00	7 00	20 00	15 00	8 00
North River	4 00	3 00	8 00	5 00	19 00	10 00	5 00
Page—St. Peter's	2 00	3 00	3 50	3 00	2 00	2 00	1 00
Richmond	4 00	3 00	8 00	8 00	22 50	7 00	7 00
Rockingham	3 00	3 00	5 00	7 00	24 00	15 00	7 50
Shenandoah — Mt. Zion	2 00	3 00	4 00	3 00	15 00	18 00	2 50
Shenandoah — St Luke	1 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	10 00	7 00	2 50
Shepherdstown — St. Peter.	8 00	7 50	20 00	25 00	66 00	40 00	20 00
Shepherdstown — St. James	4 00	5 00	12 00	12 00	34 00	20 00	10 00
Spring Val. — Buena Vista	3 00	3 00	4 00	4 00	10 00	8 00	3 00
Spring Val. — New Mt. Olive.	1 00	1 50	3 50	1 50	3 50	3 50	1 00
Spring Val. — Spring Valley	1 00	1 50	3 50	1 50	3 50	3 50	1 00
Salem	5 00	3 00	10 00	17 00	42 00	30 00	7 50
Staunton	7 00	8 00	20 00	20 00	70 00	40 00	20 00
Strasburg — St. Paul	1 50	4 00	14 00	12 00	30 00	18 00	7 50
Strasburg — St. Peter	1 50	4 00	14 00	10 00	25 00	15 00	7 50
Stephen's City — St. Paul's	2 00	2 00	4 00	5 00	22 00	10 00	2 50
Stephen's City — Trinity	2 00	1 00	3 50	7 00	20 00	12 00	5 00
Waynesboro	2 00	3 00	7 00	5 00	5 00	4 00	3 00
Winchester	15 00	15 00	50 00	75 00	225 00	1050 00	55 00
Woodstock	9 00	6 00	20 00	20 00	35 00	25 00	9 00
Zion—St. James	7 00	7 50	14 00	15 00	70 00	40 00	13 00
Totals	$164 00	$169 50	$398 00	$421 00	$1369 50	$1748 00	$353 00

Your Committee on Apportionments and Appropriations submit the following :

SUNDAY-SCHOOL APPORTIONMENTS.

For Synodical Home Missions.

Bethany—Bethany pastorate	$ 8 00
Bethlehem—Bethlehem pastorate	6 00
Grace—Waynesboro pastorate	6 00
Spring Valley—Buena Vista pastorate	3 00
Trinity—Buena Vista pastorate	2 00
Hebron—Capon pastorate	5 00
St. Peter's—Capon pastorate	5 00
St. James—North River pastorate	4 00
Mt. Moriah—North River pastorate	2 00
North River church—North River pastorate	4 00
St. Peter's—Churchville pastorate	2 00
Pleasant View—Churchville pastorate	4 00
Bethel—Gravel Springs pastorate	8 00
Fremont—Gravel Springs pastorate	1 00
Gravel Springs—Gravel Springs pastorate	5 00
St. John—Gravel Springs pastorate	8 00
St. James—Gravel Springs pastorate	5 00
Muhlenberg—Harrisonburg pastorate	10 00
Lebanon—Lebanon pastorate	5 00
St. Paul—Stephens City pastorate	5 00
Hebron—Madison pastorate	15 00
Mt. Pisgah—Madison pastorate	1 00
Mt. Calvary—Mt. Jackson pastorate	6 00
Bethel—Mt. Jackson pastorate	2 50
St. James—Mt. Jackson pastorate	2 50
New Haven—Mason pastorate	2 00
New Hope—Mason pastorate	1 00
White—Mason pastorate	2 00
Zion—Mason pastorate	1 00
Holy Trinity—Middlebrook pastorate	6 00
Mt. Hermon—Middlebrook pastorate	2 00
St. Mark's—Middlebrook pastorate	2 00
Mt. Tabor—Mt. Tabor pastorate	10 00
St. Matthew's—New Market pastorate	4 00
St. Mark's—New Market pastorate	2 00
St. Martin—New Market pastorate	2 00
First Church—Norfolk pastorate	10 00
Bethlehem—Luray pastorate	1 00
St. Mark's—Luray pastorate	8 00
Ebenezer—Luray pastorate	5 00

First English Church—Richmond pastorate	$ 15 00
Frieden's—Rockingham pastorate	3 00
St. John's—Rockingham pastorate	3 00
Mt. Zion—Shenandoah pastorate	1 50
St. Luke's—Shenandoah pastorate	1 50
St. Peter's—Shepherdstown pastorate	20 00
Uvilla—Shepherdstown pastorate	10 00
Christ Church—Staunton pastorate	20 00
Trinity—Stephens City pastorate	10 00
St. Paul's—Strasburg pastorate	15 00
St. Peter's—Strasburg pastorate	10 00
Salem—Salem pastorate	12 00
Melanchthon Chapel—Salem pastorate	5 00
St. James—Salem pastorate	5 00
Zion—Zion-St. James pastorate	8 00
St. James—Zion-St. James pastorate	8 00
Grace Church—Winchester pastorate	100 00
Emmanuel—Woodstock pastorate	25 00
Smithfield—Middleway pastorate	2 00
St. Peter's—Shenandoah City pastorate	2 00
Newport News	5 00
	$464 00

APPROPRIATIONS.

FROM BENEFICIARY EDUCATION FUND.

For Harry Coffelt	$100 00
For B. F. Landis	100 00

FROM SYNODICAL FUND HOME MISSIONS.

For Harrisonburg	$275 00
For Shenandoah	50 00
For Churchville	75 00
For Capon	80 00
For Newport News	100 00
For Executive Committee's Expenses	5 00
	$585 00

FROM THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY FUND.

For Theological Seminary	$150 00

FROM SYNODICAL FUND.

For interest Seminary Fund	$120 00
For Printing Minutes	95 00
For Secretary's salary	28 00
For Treasurer's salary	50 00
For Minutes United Synod	37 00
	$330 00

FROM UNITED SYNOD HOME MISSION FUND.

For Home Missions United Synod $1250 00

FROM ORPHANS' HOME FUND.

For Orphans' Home . . . . . $ 350 00

FROM FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

For Foreign Missions . . . . . $ 992 00
For United Synod Board, salary for Rev. R. B. Peery 1050 00

$2042 00

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. SMITH,
G. S. BOWERS,
J. M. SCHRECKHISE,
MAYBERRY McKEE.

Synod formally adjourned according to prescribed form in Book of Worship.

L. L. SMITH,
Secretary Evang. Lutheran Synod of Virginia.

FORM FOR REPORT ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.

1. Activity in Christian Work.
2. Attendance on Service.
3. Benevolence.
4. Sunday-schools.
5. Catechisation.
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7. Church Property.
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FIRST SESSION.

MT. CALVARY CHURCH, MT. JACKSON, VA.,
AUGUST 19, 1903—4 P. M.

Ministerium convened. Prayer by Rev. S. L. Keller. After consideration of several important questions, the Ministerium adjourned.

Benediction by the President.

SECOND SESSION.

MT. CALVARY CHURCH, MT. JACKSON, VA.,
AUGUST 20, 1903—4 P. M.

Ministerium convened. Prayer by Rev. W. H. Riser.

The case of Col. J. C. Baker, of Newport News, who desired ordination at the hands of the Synod, was formally brought before the Ministerium. He was invited before Ministerium. Motion prevailed that he be given a more thorough examination before final action.

Adjourned with benediction by President.

THIRD SESSION.

MT. CALVARY CHURCH, MT. JACKSON, VA.,
AUGUST 21, 1903—9:30 P. M.

Ministerium convened. Prayer by Rev. G. W. Shuey.

Col. Baker was given a preliminary and general examination, and the following report of Examining Committee was adopted :

REPORT OF EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

We, your committee, beg leave to report as follows regarding the application of Col. J. C. Baker. We recommend:

1. That in view of the fact that Col. Baker has not yet received a call to a congregation, and for other reasons, the final decision of the question of his ordination be deferred for the present.

2. That Col. Baker be encouraged in the meantime to continue the study of our doctrinal writings under the direction of a committee appointed by this Ministerium.

3. That in case Col. Baker should receive a proper call before another meeting of Synod, on the approval of the committee in charge of his case, the making of suitable arrangements to ordain him, if finally deemed best, be committed to the President of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. SNYDER,
W. J. SMITH,
J. M. SCHRECKHISE,
J. A. MOREHEAD.

Committee: Revs. J. A. Morehead, D. D., E. A. Shenk, and W. H. Riser.

Adjourned. Benediction by President.

L. L. SMITH,
Secretary Evang. Luth. Ministerium of Virginia Synod.

DIVINE SERVICES.

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 1903.

8:00 P. M.—Opening Sermon—Rev. D. M. Gilbert, D. D., Harrisburg, Pa.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 1903.

11:00 A. M.—Synodical Communion—Sermon by Rev. J. A. Morehead, D. D., President-elect Roanoke College.

8:00 P. M.—Education Address—Rev. J. A. Huffard, Luray, Va.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 1903.

8:00 P. M.—Sermon—Rev. H. C. Haithcox, D. D., Shepherdstown, W. Va.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 1903.

8:00 P. M.—Mission Address—Rev. R. B. Peery, Ph. D., Missionary to Japan, Saga, Japan.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 1903.

11:00 A. M.—Sermon—Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D. D.

9:00 P. M.—Sunday-school Services — Address — Rev. R. B. Peery, Missionary to Japan.

8:00 P. M.—Sermon—Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., Salem, Va.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF ORPHAN HOME.

DEAR BRETHREN:—During the last year fifty-three children have been under the care of the Home, with an average of forty for the year, at an average cost of eighty dollars for each child. Of this number twenty-four were from Virginia, ten from North Carolina, six from Tennessee, six from West Virginia, and one from Pennsylvania. Five are from the Virginia Synod. There are now in the Home forty-seven children. The average cost per child is far below that in similar institutions, and yet we have reasons to believe that the support of the children is as liberal as that in similar institutions where the average annual cost is much greater. This we believe to be due to small salaries, and industry and economy upon the part of employees and children. The children old enough are kept employed. The contributions to the Home for current expenses have been in excess of any previous year. The total contributions for the year have been about $3500, the Virginia Synod heading the list with $877.

The management of the Home sincerely thank the many kind and generous friends throughout your Synod for their interest and support during the past, and pray for a continuance of the same.

B. W. CRONK, SUPT.

[The following report was sent to the Secretary, but was overlooked at Synod. It is published, knowing how dear the orphan cause is to our people and pastors.—SECRETARY.]

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